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Celtic, UEFA and the fans right to know

By Keir Radnedge

UEFA'S disciplinary code has been left in a shambles by the Glasgow Celtic scandal.

The whole affair has been *a scandal* for Celtic because of the malevolent stupidity of those fans who threw missiles at Parkhead and then, above all, the two idiots who attacked Austrian players at Old Trafford;

A scandal for Rapid Vienna because they stand clearly impuned for manipulating events — appalling as they were — to their own advantage after disgraceful behaviour by some of their players in Glasgow;

A scandal for football in general because the tie has further lowered the game in the eyes of millions and alienated many, many more;

A scandal for UEFA because while they continue to sit in judgment behind closed doors their secretive disciplinary procedures will only serve to arouse suspicion — however unjustified — that justice is not always done.

The Celtic-Rapid business began as a tough, competitive football match in Vienna. Tempers turned sour at Parkhead, with Reinhard Kienast being justifiably sent off for punching Tommy Burns when he thought no-one was looking. Then came the missile-throwing and, the collapse of Rudi Weinhofer.

Moment that shamed football . . . a policeman restrains the Celtic 'fan' attacking Rapid Vienna goalkeeper Herbert Feurer during the controversial Old Trafford replay.

To argue over whether Weinhofer was hit or whether he was acting is to miss the point entirely. To throw any missile in the direction of the pitch is to do so in full knowledge that someone may be hit, may be hurt, could even be blinded.

That UEFA should come down like a ton of bricks on such behaviour is understandable. That they should have ordered a replay *in the circumstances in which they did* is not.

A replay, maybe. But not with an army of fans there. If there was ever an occasion on which the closed-doors policy made sense it was this one.

Also, to play again behind closed doors in Glasgow would have saved the innocent city of Manchester, its citizens and its police from imported trouble. They've seen enough of their own football disturbances in years gone by.

And so on, down the hill to disaster, with one fan attacking goalkeeper Herbert Feurer during the game, another kicking Peter Pacult, scorer of the winning goal, to the ground at the end.

Celtic must pay, not with the widely-feared suspension, but with one closed-door home match. And a fine of £20,000. In making that judgment UEFA have admitted openly that the previous policy of suspending clubs because of their fans' stupidity has failed.

The need to protect innocent clubs and cities has been buried beneath the economic reality that it is the biggest clubs which, by reason of the fact, are generally haunted by hooligans who find safety in the anonymity of the large crowds.

The successive judgments on Celtic-Rapid have raised more questions than they have answered.

This affair has produced one of the largest letter and telephone bombardments *World Soccer* has ever received. Our readers may sometimes differ with our writers' opinions — that is their right.

But it is also the right of football fans, officials and players everywhere to be sure not only that justice is done, but that it must be seen to be done.

It's time for UEFA to open up those disciplinary hearings. Continued secrecy is damaging the game outside. The fans pay the money. They have a right to know.

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COVER PICTURE

. . . this month features the happiest 19-year-old in Argentine football right now — Jose Percudani, pictured immediately after the World Club Final in which his goal carried Independiente to victory over Liverpool in Tokyo. Percudani's extra bonus was the man of the match award which earned the prize of a car from match sponsors Toyota.

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The Celtic Scandal

Justice was done say Austrians

by Arthur Rotmil

THE Austrian media, public opinion, Rapid Vienna players and officials were unanimous in their verdict on the outcome of the cup-winners' Cup clashes with Celtic which were marred by the widely-publicised disgraceful scenes in Glasgow and Manchester.

They claimed that "justice was done and was seen to be done". Those media and papers from other European countries which I heard or read were of the same opinion.

The general feeling was that UEFA really had no choice but to order the return game to be replayed 150km away from Glasgow. They second match, despite even worse acts of violence against the Austrian players, was deservedly won by Rapid who reached the quarter-finals on a 4-1 aggregate.

The Austrian Press rejected Scottish claims that their player Rudi Weinhofer who came on as substitute at Parkhead and collapsed theatrically had "play-acted". Medical examination confirmed that Weinhofer suffered a head injury by an object thrown from the terraces: he could not continue. Since Rapid had already used both subs (and in addition Reinhard Kienast was sent off for punching Tommy Burns) they had to play on with nine men.

Finish

The question is: should a team in face of such crowd violence be expected to finish a match of such importance to them both from the point of view of finance and prestige? The answer must clearly be no.

The referee Kjell Johanssen of Sweden did not help matters in Glasgow. He allowed some crunching tackles by the Scots to go unpunished. At least two Celtic players might have been sent off, assert the Austrians — the young midfielder Peter Grant for trampling all over a prostrate Brucic and Tommy Burns, whose late and brutal challenge on Rapid's goalkeeper Ehn really sparked off the fracas.

Most referees, claim the Austrians, would have sent both Celts packing — instead it was Kienast who meted out his own brand of justice and was shown the red card.

According to their media Rapid suffered in both matches on British soil the worst intimidation any Austrian club had to endure in nearly 30 years of European competition. In Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium not only the bottles flew on the pitch. A Celtic fan attacked their goalkeeper Herbert Feurer during the match, while another the scorer of their winning goal Peter Pacult who was kicked in the groin after the final whistle.

Pacult very sportingly declined to make a formal complaint while Feurer thought "the police were marvellous", though some Austrians felt they were rather slow to intervene.

The goalkeeper added: "It was like a nightmare. I was deliberately set upon by a vicious hooligan who shouted: 'I am going to kill you.' I was afraid I might be seriously injured."

Many Austrians were proud of the way Rapid players, especially the young reserves drafted in, kept their heads in face of intense provocation and how well they played in the Manchester cauldron — especially considering that their team was badly hit by injuries to key players such as Krankl, Panenka, Pregesbauer as well as missing the suspended Kienast.

There were many complaints about the attitude of most of the Scottish media who must also accept a large portion of the blame for the excesses. Their reports of the first match in Glasgow and UEFA's decision bordered on the "cynical" and "scandalous", as many Austrians put it.

They failed to provide a balanced view and without any evidence to the contrary condemned UEFA's verdict as "shameful" and "anti-British"; they accused the Austrians of "cheating" and glossed over any violence by their players and so-called "fans".

The Celtic Football Club think they are blameless. Maybe so. But as long as among their followers there are thugs who think they can influence the outcome of a match by violence, then they must take the consequences. UEFA have a responsibility to all European clubs. Why should any team, any player be exposed to such barbaric treatment as witnessed at Parkhead and Old Trafford? There, a Manchester policeman remarked in astonishment: "I have never seen so many drunks in one place before".

Protest

The outburst by Pat Crerand the former Celtic and Manchester United player and Scottish international who declared on BBC-Radio that "all British clubs should get together and withdraw from the European competitions in protest over UEFA's decision against Celtic," was derided by some and given a new twist by others.

In the leading West German sports paper *Kicker*, Matthias Erne wrote: "What sort of a world are we living in, when hooligans can mete out their own justice on the opposing players? If it wasn't for the fact that British teams contribute to the fascination of the European Cup tournaments, one would have to demand their total expulsion. Let them play in a British club championship and their so-called supporters could then fight each other. Since such a proposal is unlikely to be accepted, there remains the undisguised joy that Rapid's victory amounts to a triumph for justice."

Celtic's former famous club captain and now Manchester City manager Billy McNeill who saw the match at Old Trafford confessed to being a "very disappointed man" and he asked: "What happens next time? Someone is liable to come on the pitch with a knife, or a bottle or something."

That I think, says it all about this unhappy affair.

THE YEARS OF VIOLENCE

MAY 1972 — Hundreds of Glasgow Rangers fans arrested at Cup-winners' Cup Final in Barcelona. Running battles with Spanish police. One dead, 150 injured. Rangers banned from European competition for two years, later reduced on appeal to one.

MAY 1974 — Two hundred supporters hurt in riots in Rotterdam as Tottenham lose to Feyenoord in UEFA Cup Final. 70 arrests, extensive damage.

MAY 1975 — Leeds banned from Europe for two years after supporters battle with French police in Paris following defeat by Bayern Munich in European Cup Final. 27 arrests — 40 hurt.

SEPTEMBER 1976 — Southampton fans clash with Marseilles fans during Cup-winners' Cup games. 200 hurt. Referee suspends game in second half.

SEPTEMBER 1977 — Truncheon-wielding police throw Manchester United fans out of St Etienne stadium. Several serious injuries and arrests. United expelled from the Cup-winners' Cup, readmitted on appeal, but fined £7,500 and ordered to play return leg 200 miles away . . . in Dublin Bohemians and Newcastle fans fight pitched battle — tie held up for 11 minutes.

MARCH 1978 — Liverpool fans ransack duty free shop on ferry and Belgian towns of Liege and Louvain on way to European cup semi-final against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

NOVEMBER 1978 — Off-field riots overshadow Manchester City's drawn UEFA Cup game away to Milan. Smoke bombs and fireworks let off.

JUNE 1980 — England's European championship game in Turin against Belgium held up after tear-gas used to quell rioting England fans. FA fined £8,000.

SEPTEMBER 1980 — West Ham ordered to play home leg of Cup-winners' Cup-tie against Castilla behind closed doors after drunken behaviour by their followers in first leg in the Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid. West Ham also heavily fined.

MAY 1981 — Riots in Basle during England's World Cup defeat against Switzerland. English fans later attacked in Budapest.

OCTOBER 1981 — Arsenal fined £1,500 by UEFA after crowd trouble in Belgium.

APRIL 1981 — Crowds disrupt Aston Villa's European Cup semi-final against Anderlecht in Brussels. Villa fined £14,500 and ordered to play next home leg behind closed doors.

JULY 1982 — English fans beaten up after running a gauntlet of Spanish police outside a Madrid bar before England's World Cup game with Spain.

SEPTEMBER 1982 — violence and drunkenness before, during and after England's European Championship game with Denmark in Copenhagen leads to 100 arrests.

SEPTEMBER 1983 — 20 Liverpool fans arrested for shoplifting, pickpocketing and fighting in Odense, Denmark.

NOVEMBER 1983 — English hooligans cause thousands of pounds damage in Luxembourg at European Championship game. Two policemen receive serious eye injuries during clashes with axe-wielding rioters. 18 arrests — £10,000 vandalism . . . 30 fans treated for knife wounds and a similar number arrested in Rotterdam after Tottenham's UEFA Cup-tie with Feyenoord. UEFA fine Spurs £8,000.

MARCH 1984 — Widespread vandalism on cross-channel ferry taking England supporters to France. £700,000 damage to property around the Parc Des Princes Stadium.

MAY 1984 — Spurs fan shot dead in Brussels bar before UEFA Cup Final with Anderlecht . . . father and son from Liverpool stabbed in Rome after Roma fans go on the rampage following European Cup Final defeat. 30 Liverpool fans ambushed and injured.

SEPTEMBER 1984 — Ugly scenes at Dalymount Park, Dublin, as rival Bohemians and Glasgow Rangers fans clash during UEFA tie. But both sides escape punishment because UEFA observer was sipping tea in the boardroom at the time.—EXTEL.

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The Celtic Scandal

Cup-tie a farce say Scots

by Alex Gordon

IF PUNISHMENT is justice for the unjust, how come Rapid Vienna beat Celtic in the European Cup-winners' Cup?

People who say cheats never win obviously didn't see any of the explosive action in these ties. Rapid got through to the quarter-finals of the tournament only thanks to a remarkable — for the want of a better word — decision by UEFA.

The European ruling body created a farce and, as usual, everything disintegrated in the harshly-ordered replay. Certainly, two lunatic Celtic fans created their bit of madness, but only after UEFA had indulged in a bit of insanity in the first place by ordering a third game.

There were obvious threats of a ban on Celtic after the happenings at Old Trafford, but I don't think we should lose sight of the fact that over 50,000 Parkhead fans made the trip to Manchester to see their team cruelly knocked out of the tournament. They accepted a ridiculous situation with dignity. Two, sadly, tried to right the wrong by taking matters into their own hands — or feet, as the case may be.

Celtic, quite rightly in my view, feel they have been badly treated.

UEFA did a somersault in allowing Rapid back into the tournament after Celtic had justifiably beaten them 3-0 at Parkhead — result that should have taken them into the quarter-finals on a 4-3 aggregate.

The Austrians, a mediocre team who have no chance of winning the trophy, kicked, hacked and punched their way through that second leg. Celtic were 2-0 ahead at the interval and Rapid knew they were heading for the exits.

Their shameful tactics incensed the 48,000 Celtic fans. They saw Celtic players sent sprawling all over the place as the boot went in. Tommy Burns scored a controversial third goal, but television evidence clearly showed that the Austrian goalkeeper never had the ball in his hands when the Celt challenged him for a through ball from Frank McGarvey.

The laws of the game quite clearly state that a goalkeeper must have BOTH hands on the ball or else it is still free. The Austrian never held the ball at any time.

Rapid's sickening bunch of so-called sportsmen saw their opportunity to create a bit of mayhem and they went for it. They scurried like rats towards the referee and the linesman and, throughout it all, the crowd was getting more and more frustrated.

Things could have exploded when Reinhard Keinast made a cowardly attack on Burns shortly afterwards. Everyone saw the Austrian's sneaky punch on the Celtic midfielder yet he still protested his innocence as the referee flashed the red card. Not even Perry Mason could have got him off on that one!

And, just to keep things ticking over, their goalkeeper launched a flying kick at Burns as he chased a through ball into the penalty area. A spot-kick was awarded — if a referee doesn't give a penalty award for such a foul then he doesn't give them at all — and again the unruly Austrians blew their collective tops.

Skipper Hans Kankl — plodding his way towards retirement — tried to lead his players off the pitch and their excitable coach Otto Baric skipped on to the pitch waving his hands and mouthing off about everything and anything.

Sadly, the patience of the large crowd broke. Two bottles were hurled on to the pitch. That was all . . . two bottles!

Rudolph Weinhofer — a better actor than he is a footballer — went down as though he had been hit by an express train. There were only seven minutes to go. Rapid were facing a penalty kick, they were 4-3 down on aggregate — and they were doing everything to get the game stopped.

The rest of that match is history. Peter Grant missed with the spot-kick and eventually the final whistle went. It came as an enormous surprise when we were told the Austrians were going to appeal.

It came as no surprise when UEFA threw out their appeal and instead fined them £5,000 for their outrageous behaviour — antics that could have created a full-scale riot in a lot of other grounds throughout the soccer world — Baric was banished from the dug-out for three European games and the cowardly Keinast was suspended for four games. Celtic were fined £4,000 for the two bottles landing on the pitch.

At that time, Rapid were claiming Weinhofer had been hit by a bottle. Television evidence proved this was a load of baloney. Amazingly, when they re-appealed they were allowed to change their evidence. They were then claiming their player had been hit by a missile — possibly a coin — and this time UEFA, in their infinite wisdom, accepted their word.

You have got to question the judgement of those UEFA officials who ordered a third game. If you don't question their judgement you must question their motives. Either way, it was an outrageous decision.

Weinhofer said he needed two stitches in the wound. I cannot believe there wasn't a scratch on him. Nor can I believe UEFA so gullible to accept such a feeble appeal and throw out a well-merited victory. All the good that Celtic had done for 83 minutes was dismantled.

The scene was then set for a potentially-explosive third game at Old Trafford — and, unfortunately, it proved to be too much for a mere handful of fans who besmirched the good name of a great club.

Celtic were made to walk a tightrope and UEFA took away their safety net as well as providing a blindfold. They were put in a ridiculous position by a despicable, disgraceful decision.

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Brian Glanville's viewpoint

UEFA APPO FAIR

THE WHOLE, horrid affair of Celtic and Rapid Vienna brought memories crowding back; not very pleasant ones. Memories, to say, of the analogous game in far off 1971, when a can of Coca Cola — full or empty; we still cannot be sure — hit Inter's Roberto Boninsegna on the back of the head, and indirectly enabled the Milanese team to qualify for the next round of the European Cup.

At the time, they were playing away to Borussia Munchengladbach, who were in such dazzling form that night, as their then inside-left Gunter Netzer recently recalled, that they would probably have thrashed anybody. They led 2-1 when Boninsegna went down and was taken from the field. They went on to win 7-1. But Inter appealed, their appeal was upheld, the game was replayed in Berlin and the Italians, who had already won the home leg 4-2 at San Siro, drew 0-0 and got through.

By an odd, ironic coincidence, the Celtic affair was in full flower when Inter had to play away to Hamburg in the third round of the UEFA Cup. Sandrino Mazzola, Inter's famous striker at the time of the Boninsegna contretemps, had already, in 1983, "confessed" that the full can of Coca Cola which he handed that night to the referee had not been the (presumably empty) one which hit Boninsegna.

The case caught UEFA, not surprisingly perhaps given their bizarre disciplinary history, completely on the hop. They had no statutes and no precedents to deal with it. Into this void Inter went with all the serpentine skill one associates with them in matters of European football. They demanded that the game be awarded to them 3-0, on the grounds that this was what UEFA had threatened, in the event of fireworks being thrown!

Yet although the Milan goalkeeper Fabio Cudicini had been knocked out by a missile flung from the terraces at Old Trafford in a European Cup match two years earlier, nothing had been done, legally, to prepare for such contingencies. On that occasion, UEFA had got off the hook because at least Milan had qualified.

Their decision, in the end, to replay the first leg game seemed fairly reasonable. But at a dinner after the Hamburg-Inter game, the garrulous indiscretions of Ivanoe Fraizzoli, ex-president of Inter, put quite a different complexion on matters.

Face to face with Günter Netzer, now general manager of Hamburg (though he threatens to go into a publicity firm in Switzerland at the end of this season), Fraizzoli was superbly indiscreet. The old buffer, still far from reconciled to being replaced as Inter's president by the much younger *nouveau riche* Pellegrini, Fraizzoli is alleged to have brushed aside the received wisdom that Prico, a lawyer long vice president of Inter, had been chiefly to thank for the game being replayed. It was two friends of his, said Fraizzoli, both of them now dead, who had earned the credit. One was a restaurant owner called Pietro Gori, who travelled with the team, the other an engineer called Samaritani, himself a vice president at that time.

After Boninsegna had been substituted by Ghio, said Fraizzoli, Gori came up to him in the directors' box and said: "President, get another player off, and we'll be down to ten." A wily move indeed, since in those days (though the case is closely analogous to Rapid's at Celtic Park) only one substitute was allowed. This meant that the attack on Boninsegna, if such it was, deprived Inter effectively of a man: numerically.

Now came the disciplinary commission, and, says Fraizzoli, Inter took steps to manipulate that, as well. Of the five members, according to Fraizzoli, two thought the game should be replayed, two thought the 7-1 result should stand, while the fifth was a mystery to them.

One of these members was a Finn, says Fraizzoli, so to Helsinki flew our two heroes, Gori and Samaritaini, to exert their influence upon him. Nor was this all. Fraizzoli alleged, or is alleged to have alleged, that Samaritaini kept close to the fifth man, presumably the Finn, preventing him from "going for a beer" with his friend, the English member of the commission, until the tribunal actually met.

Pellegrini was incensed and said he would break off all relations with Fraizzoli. Fraizzoli then denied it all. But for those who have followed the cunning machinations, of Inter right through to last season, when they somehow or other got off Scot free in the Groningen case (alleged attempt to bribe Berger, the manager of the Dutch club, before a UEFA Cup return in Bari), this will hardly come as a surprise.

To say that Inter by now have a record as long as your arm would be to presuppose that you were a basketball player.

Last year, the publication in Budapest of Peter Borenich's splendid *Only the Ball has a Skin* laid bare the squalid attempts of Inter and their then president, Angelo Moratti, to bribe the loyal Hungarian referee, Vadas, before a tie at home to Real Madrid in 1966. Much more recently, there was the comic opera affair in Argentina when Inter's under-15 team (!) fielded an ineligible player under the name of another to "win" a tournament, thanks to his goals. To do Fraizzoli justice, he did get very angry about that, in public.

As for the Celtic v Rapid affair, it emphasised again the inadequacy both of UEFA's regulations, and of their procedures. I saw only the third of these matches, when the Rapid goalkeeper and the Rapid goalscorer were brutally attacked by drunken Celtic fans. But the events of the second leg at Celtic Park, and the bizarre disciplinary aftermath, made it inevitable that were Celtic not to go through at Old Trafford, there would be hell to pay. It was evident enough on a bus going up from the city centre to Old Trafford, when the Celtic supporters banged and stamped, rubbed finger and thumb meaningfully together, and threatened that there was trouble in store if their team were eliminated.

So it proved, but to give the Celtic fans their due, however minatory their attitude may have been before and during the game, their behaviour in the event was quite amazingly restrained: apart from the two brutal thugs who attacked Rapid men and therby did their own club damage which overwhelmingly exceeded anything they did to their opponents. I cannot think of any country in South America, and few in Latin Europe, where there would not have been at the very least a rabid invasion of the pitch. Celtic's supporters may have made a lot of noise, but in essence, they kept calm. All credit to them.

For the provocation was immense. Let us turn back to the torrid game at Celtic Park. Rapid came out, almost literally, fighting. Tommy Burns was the chief victim, hit in the back of the head by a defender, viciously kicked as he went through by the goalkeeper. After losing the first leg 3-1 in Vienna, Celtic won 3-0 in Glasgow. But that evening there was a 14-minute stoppage, two bottles were thrown on to the field, and the Rapid left-back went down in a heap.

There, the mystery begins. What hit him? What happened to him? Rapid initially claimed that a bottle had struck him, but the television (which in fact the UEFA appeals committee refused to look at) proved that false. They then changed their story — Desmond White, Celtic's Chairman, pointed out that they were allowed to change their deposition no fewer than three times — saying that their man had been hit by *something*. But by what? A coin? Coins can do plenty of damage, as we all know. They have nasty sharp edges. But a missile projected, say, from a catapult? That could do damage, too.

No one knows. But it was Rapid, after being told there would be no replay by the original disciplinary committee, who were given the benefit of the doubt. A large one, I suggest. For it seems that the appeals committee, presided over by that same Dr. Zorzi who was chairman of the disciplinary committee which gave Inter right, in 1971, accepted the evidence of the Rapid club doctor.

I have no reason to doubt it: how can I? How can anybody? The one thing which is 100 per cent plain is that the doctor was hardly a disinterested party. Desmond White, Celtic's Chairman, told me after the game at Manchester that the left-back didn't seem much hurt at the time he fell or lay down, but that after the game he went off swathed in heavy bandages. He had two stitches, apparently. But even that proves nothing at all. Did he *need* two stitches? Or any stitches? David Hay, the Celtic manager,

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FA MUST POINT A AIR JURY

Another moment of trouble at Old Trafford after Celtic skipper Danny McGrain (left) hands a bottle to referee Agnolin.

to whom I also spoke after the Old Trafford game, told me that the ambulancemen who first went to the left-back saw no mark on him at all. You pays your money and you takes your choice.

What I *am* prepared to say, with the greatest emphasis, is that this is no way to run a railroad, that in such instances, UEFA must lay down rules which enable a disinterested party to examine the nature of a wound. Failing such an examination, surely the club which stands in Celtic's place must be given the benefit of the doubt. Not least when, in another weird decision, the appeals committee decides that Rapid's behaviour at Parkhead was so bad that they will double the amount of their fine.

But once it was decided to play the game again, it was utter folly to play it anywhere in Britain — anywhere, that is to say, where the Celtic fans would be in such a massive preponderance. Trouble was implicit in the situation: and though the Manchester police are adept at dealing with United fans, you could not expect them to be as adroit in dealing with such an unknown quantity; not least with such a quantity of that quantity.

As my friend and colleague Hugh McIlvanney suggested in *The Observer*, they probably just could not believe, when that first thug came on to the field, that he was going to do anything but caper about and make an ass of himself.

I still do not believe that, above all in such ambiguous circumstances, clubs should be made accountable for the behaviour of their fans, who are thus treated as agents. In this case, the irony was immense, since though it was nominally a home game, it was not a game in which Celtic in any valid way could be said to be in charge.

FROM UEFA to FIFA; and the next World Cup, which has been sold down the river to television in Europe, again. After the misbegotten World Cup of 1970, when players suffered in the heat and on the heights of Mexico, sometimes kicking off at noon, one thought the words Never Again would be germane.

Not a bit of it. The egregious Havelange has seen to it that the World Cup will be played in Mexico, and now, quite predictably, without a peep of protest from officials (what a surprise!) or players, we are told that many games will again kick off at noon.

Officials just, by and large, don't care. I have written often enough of the latent hostility, determined often by envy, between athletes and officials in almost every sport, not least in athletics itself. The Olympic Games, it was said at the time, were consigned inexcusably to Mexico City for 1968 because the officials' wives liked the idea of Mexico City much better than they did that of such a place as Detroit.

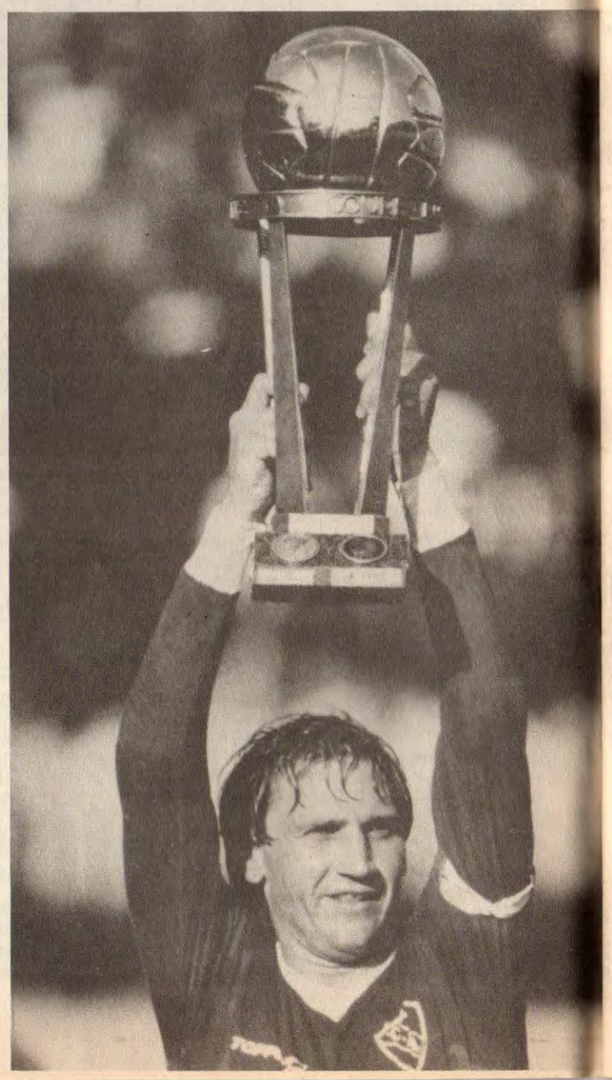
Officials eat, drink, travel and make merry. They care about one another, and their creature comforts, far more than they ever care about the troops on the ground, the people who make their easy lives and little jaunts possible. But the players are another matter. In general greedy, immature and cosseted — hardly their fault; that is the way of their world — they have always found it hard to perceive their own best interests, to see that however much they earn their careers are placed in jeopardy by such an excess of football.

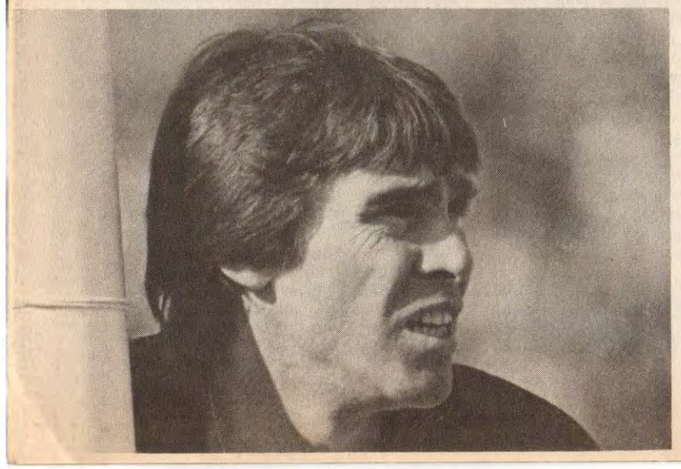
As soon as the World Cup was allocated to Mexico, they should have been up in arms across the globe, demanding that this time they should not be sacrificed, that kick offs should be in the evening, when the hour was reasonably cool. But of course it didn't happen. Players of the world unite . . . What a hope.

My mind goes back to that torrid day in 1970 when England played and lost in Leon a quarter final they would surely have won in anything such as normal conditions; lost 3-2 to West Germany after holding a well deserved 2-0 lead. Afterwards David Miller, now with *The Times*, and I took Geoff Hurst, who had played heroically, back by taxi from Leon to Guadalajara, where the England team were staying. The poor fellow was in a pitiably dehydrated condition. We eventually stopped the car in a squalid little village to buy him a soft drink and to open the boot to get out of my jacket the one meagre salt pill I had with me. I talked to him about it only recently. "Doesn't take long to recover!" he joked. "Only seven or eight years!"

No wonder Bora Milutinovic, the amiable Yugoslav who now manages, and has greatly improved, the Mexican international team is greatly heartened by the fact that Mexico will play all their group 2 games on the 7,000 feet above sea level heights of Mexico City. It will indeed, as Milutinovic says, give them a large advantage over teams which have to come up to that height — though hardly one; as he supposes, for teams who have to come down to it. Their oxygen debt should have been well and truly paid.

One hopes, though, that Mexico will not have the outrageous help from referees that they did in 1970. Against Salvador, they were given a free kick for a foul they themselves had committed; and used it to score. Against Belgium, they benefited from one of the most scandalous penalties in the history of the World Cup. Hot, happy days to look forward to.





SuperCup finds a new home

EUROPEAN SUPERCUP
Stadio Comunale, Turin — Jan 16
Juventus 2 (Boniek 40,78)
Liverpool 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 60,000.
Juventus: Bodini — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Briaschi, Tardelli, Rossi, Plantini, Boniek.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar — Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson (Gillespie 46), Nicol, Hansen, Walsh, Whelan, Rush, McDonald, Wark.

PREVIOUS FINALS
1972 — Ajax Amsterdam bt Glasgow Rangers 3-1, 3-2.
1973 — Ajax Amsterdam bt Milan 0-1, 6-0.
1974 — No competition.
1975 — Dynamo Kiev bt Bayern Munich 1-0, 2-0.
1976 — Anderlecht bt Bayern Munich 1-2, 4-1.
1977 — Liverpool bt Hamburg 1-1, 6-0.
1978 — Anderlecht bt Liverpool 3-1, 1-2.
1979 — Nottingham Forest bt Barcelona 1-0, 1-1.
1980 — Valencia bt Nottingham Forest 1-2, 3-0.
1981 — No competition.
1982 — Aston Villa bt Barcelona 0-1, 3-0.
1983 — Aberdeen bt Hamburg 0-0, 2-0
*** In the 11 finals of the SuperCup, the holders of the Champions' Cup have won on five occasions.**

From Jonathan Shallard in Turin

THE real winners of the 1984 European SuperCup were not represented out on the icy pitch of the Stadio Comunale in Turin.

They are the local officials and sports-orientated businessmen of Monte Carlo. For the SuperCup has now found a permanent home in the new Stade Louis II in Monaco.

After all the hassle, all the argument, all the bluff and counter-bluff, one can report that this occasion was the last on which the SuperCup was shown in its true colours — as a money-spinning excuse for two leading clubs who, in the game's current economic climate, need every penny or lira they can get.

Juventus and Liverpool are not, of course, among the game's paupers. But cost efficiency is necessary at even the biggest clubs. That was clear from the concern Liverpool showed about whether they should fly to snow-bound Turin or not. If they went and the game was called off, the clubs would have had to share around £40,000 staging and travel expenses.

Juve were also concerned. After all, they had sold £400,000-worth of tickets and faced the chilly prospect of having to return all that cash (albeit minus the interest which would have built up) if the game had not gone ahead. Liverpool had refused to consider a postponement to the next night or the next week even.

Domestically, a weather-wrecked January programme would quickly be further confused by FA Cup ties and possible replays. And then, all too soon in March, Joe Fagan's men would be back on the European trail again.

Neither club approached the game in a happy frame of mind. Both had seen their league matches the previous weekend abandoned. Liverpool were halted at half-time in their game against Sunderland while the score was still 0-0 at Roker Park. As for Juventus, they hadn't even got that far in their homematch against Lazio. A further heavy snowfall led the referee Paolo Casarin to call off their game after 23 minutes.

"A pity," said Lazio coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo. "With Juventus thinking about Liverpool we could have picked up some useful points."

Turin was, at that moment, the coldest city in Italy but Lazio were more than a little upset about events. The previous week heavy snow in Rome had forced the postponement of their league game against Milan. As is the Italian custom, staff at the Olympic Stadium worked through the night to make the pitch playable for the next day, when the match went ahead.

This time Juve quickly quashed any suggestion of playing the next day. For one thing the pitch couldn't be made ready (they said, of course!), for another thing they had the Liverpool match on Wednesday.

Once Lazio had gone home mumbling, Juve set to work. Stadium officials and groundsmen placed 40 infra-red heaters on the pitch and nearer to kick-off special chemicals to melt any further snow were sprinkled.

Lorenzo thought Juventus "had done everything not to play our league game," but there was never any doubt about their determination to play the SuperCup.

Coincidentally, it was the second time Juve had run into problems with weather when staging a European final against an English team. In 1971, when they played Leeds in the last Fairs' Cup final, heavy rain made the pitch unplayable for the first leg on the set night. On that occasion the game was put back to the Thursday.

Juventus players didn't like being reminded of the fact. Not surprisingly, I suppose. After all, they lost that final on the away goals rule.

But this was a one-off game. That was a fact which, perhaps surprisingly, gave Liverpool extra confidence. As striker Ian Rush said: "The atmosphere and the very fact of playing in Italy, in *their* country, seemed to do the trick for us against Roma in the Champions' Cup final. Playing Juventus in Turin is only the same thing. But colder."

That, as it turned out, was a little naive. Juventus, on the night, were a far better team than Roma last May, with a great deal more individual talent, confidence and determination.

Juve coach Giovanni Trapattoni had hoped that Michel Platini's massive reputation would serve as a decoy. That Liverpool would relax at the back if they saw Plantini holding back in midfield. And that proved fatal.

Juve's opening goal was a choice example. It arrived five minutes before half-time. Bonini brought the ball out of defence and played it off for Plantini to chip his pass into the path of Massimo Briaschi, accelerating in from the right in midfield. One touch to catch the lurking Alan Kennedy on the wrong foot, and Zbigniew Boniek had been given just enough time to arrow in on goal and shoot past Bruce Grobbelaar before Kennedy could get in his covering tackle.

Mostly it had been Juventus. Midway through the opening half Plantini again sent Boniek racing through. This time his chip beyond the onrushing Grobbelaar was headed over the bar for a corner by Neal. But Boniek had certainly got the scent of goal. He was narrowly wide just after half-time and eventually ended a spell of gradual Liverpool improvement with the killing second goal in the 78th minute.

Cabrini hooked a clearance up the Juventus left wing and Briaschi chased, was allowed all the time in the world to turn the ball onto his right foot and cross. Boniek came through like a train to flick the ball home left-footed.

Pictures . . .

TOP LEFT: Ian Rush (left), Jan Molby and Craig Johnston sightseeing at Zojoji Temple. TOP RIGHT: Independiente's Richardo Giusti outjumps Liverpool striker Ian Rush. CENTRE LEFT: Independiente captain Enzo Trossero kisses Jose Percudani, scorer of the winning goal, as the team celebrate at the end of the match. BOTTOM LEFT: Carlos Goyen of Independiente. BOTTOM RIGHT: Independiente captain Enzo Trossero holds the trophy aloft.

Di Stefano still king of goals

MEMO to Tottenham manager Peter Shreeves and his players: UEFA Cup rivals Real Madrid are proud of their traditions and that means their fabulous record in European competition.

They are the only club to have won the Champions' Cup six times, the only club to have won it five times in a row. And their kingpin from those great days of the 1950s and early 1960s, Alfredo Di Stefano, is still the competition's leading overall scorer.

This fact emerges from a review of the great goalscorers of the European Cup. Only Eusebio came close to Di Stefano's total of 49 goals. Appropriately the top-scoring European Cup forward of the present generation also comes from Real Madrid: Carlos Santillana, with a comparative meagre 20 goals.

Carlos Santillana in Champions' Cup action a few years ago against Inter Milan. Santillana is the competition's leading scorer among current players.

ALL-TIME TOP SCORERS

49: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
46: Eusebio (Benfica).
37: G. Müller (Bayern).
36: Puskas (Honved/Real Madrid).
31: Gento (Real Madrid).
25: José Augusto (Benfica).
24: Altafini (Milan/Juventus).
20: Santillana (Real Madrid), Van Himst (Anderlecht).
19: Amancio (Real Madrid, Torres (Benfica).
18: Aguas (Benfica), Cruyff (Ajax), Kostic (Red Star Belgrade).
17: Pirri (Real Madrid).
16: Adamec (Dukla/Spartak Trnava), Dalglish (Celtic/Liverpool), Mazzola (Inter), Rummenigge (Bayern).
15: Bene (Ujpest Dozsa), Lubanski (Gornik Zabrze).

1955-56

6: Glovacki (Reims), Milutinovic (Partizan).
5: Bliard (Stade Reims), Di Stefano, Rial (Real Madrid), Nordhal (Milan), Palotas (Red Banner).
4: Lantos (Red Banner), Leblond (Stade Reims).
3: Dal Monte, Schiaffino (Milan), Eriksson (Djurgarden), Joseito (Real Madrid), Körner II (Rapid Vienna), Turnbull (Hibernian).

1956-57

9: Viollet (Manchester Utd).
8: T. Taylor (Manchester Utd).
7: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
6: Preissler (Borussia Dortmund).
5: Artecha (Bilbao), Foix (Nice), Kostic (Red Star).
4: Faivre (Nice), Kolev (CDNA Sofia).
3: Boreux (Spora), Happel (Rapid Vienna), Joseito, Mateos (Real Madrid), Kapitulski (Borussia Dortmund), Kocsis (Honved), Merodio (Bilbao), Panajotov (CDNA), Whelan (Manchester Utd).

1957-58

10: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
9: Kostic (Red Star).
8: Csordas (Vasas Budapest).
6: Grillo (Milan).
5: Bean, Schiaffino (Milan), Bundszak (Vasas B).
4: Preissler (Borussia Dortmund), Rial (Real Madrid), Toplak (Red Star), Viollet (Manchester Utd).
3: Antoniet (Sevilla), Baszkiewicz (Gwardia), Charlton, T. Taylor, Whelan (Mancheser Utd), Galli (Milan), Gento, Kopa, Marsal (Real Madrid), S. Kaiser (Wismut Chemnitz). Ouderland (Ajax), Szilagyi (Vasas B).

1958-59

10: Fontaine (Stade Reims).
8: Vavà (Atletico Madrid).
6: Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Peirò (Atletico Madrid).
5 Collar (Atletico Madrid), Hammeri (Wiener SK), Piantoni (Stade Reims), Zink (Wismut Chemnitz).
4: Jadot (Standard), Meier, Wechselberger (Young Boys), Palotas (MTK Budapest).
3: Hof (Wiener SK), Ivson (Sporting Lisbon), S. Kaiser, Tröger (Wismut Chemnitz), Klodt, Nowak, Siebert (Schalke 04), Molnar (MTK), Sivori (Juventus), Vincent Stade Reims).

1959-60

12: Puskas (Real Madrid).
8: Di Stefano (Real Madrid).
7: Uhlsson (IFK Göteborg).
6: Kubala (Barcelona).
5: Foix (Nice), Kocsis (Barcelona), Lindner, Stein (Eintracht Frankfurt).
4: Baird, McMillan, Wilson (Rangers), Evaristo (Barcelona), Mason (Wolverhampton), Meier, Pfaff (Eintracht Frankfurt), Nurenberg (Nice).
3: Daniels (Sparta Rotterdam), Faivre (Nice), Herrera, Mateos (Real Madrid), Hof, Horak (Wiener SK), Martinez, Villaverde (Barcelona), Scherer (Red Star Bratislava), Scott (Rangers), Seref (Fenerbahçe).

1960-61

11: Aguas (Benfica).
7: Augusto (Benfica), Seeler (Amburgo).
5: Evaristo (Barcelona).
4: Göröcs (Ujpest Doza), Schneider (Young Boys), Suarez (Barcelona).
3: Bertalan, Dienst (Rapid Vienna), Coluna, Santana (Benfica), Dörfel, Stürmer (Hamburg), Dubaele, Rustichelli (Stade Reims), Olofsson (IFK Malmö), Robson (Burnley).

1961-62

7: Di Stefano, Puskas, Tejada (Real Madrid).
6: Aguas (Benfica), Claessen (Standard), Lofquist (BK 1913 Odense), Smith (Tottenham), Strehl (Norimberga).
5: Augusto, Eusebio (Benfica), Bouwmeester (Feyenoord), Kucera (Dukla Prague).
4: Del Sol (Real Madrid), Dyson, Jones (Tottenham), Robbiani (Servette).
3: Adamec (Dukla), O. Andersen, Rasmussen (BK 1913 Odense), Bennaers, Temming (Feyenoord), Fatton (Servette), Flackeneker (Nürnberg), Kohle (Vorwaerts), Mora, Nicolé (Juventus), Scott (Rangers).

1962-63

14: Altafini (Milan).
9: Gilzean (Dundee).
8: Crawford (Ipswich).
6: Barison (Milan), Eusebio (Benfica), Pal I (Vasas B.).
5: Kruiver (Feyenoord), Metin (Galatasaray).
4: Adamec (Dukla), Cousin (Dundee), Nemec (Austria Vienna), Phillips (Ipswich).
3: Coluna (Benfica), Farkas, Machos (Vasas B.), Jurion, Lippens (Anderlecht), Kempny (Polonia Bytom), Mekloufi (Servette), Mora, Pivatelli (Milan), Smith (Dundee).

1963-64

7: Kovacevic (Partizan), Mazzola (Inter) Puskas (Real Madrid).
6: Brungs (Borussia Dortmund).
5: Di Stefano (Real Madrid), Jelinek, Kucera (Dukla), Kerkhoffs, Thounissen (PSV Eindhoven), Metin (Galatasaray), Wosab (Borussia Dortmund).
4: Altafini (Milan), Cossu (Monaco), Eusebio (Benfica), Galic (Partizan), Jair (Inter), Konietzka (Borussia Dortmund), Theis (Jeunesse Esch).
3: Amancio, Gento, F. Ruiz, Zoco (Real Madrid), Emmerich (Borussia Dortmund), Feller (Zurich), Serafim (Benfica).

1964-65

9: Torres (Benfica).
8: Eusebio (Benfica).
7: Hunt (Liverpool), Kotkov (Lokomotiv Sofia).
6: Forrest (Rangers).
5: Amancio e Gento (Real Madrid), Augusto (Benfica), Debarski (Lokomotiv S.), St. John (Liverpool).
4: Bo Larsson (Malmö), Grosso (Real Madrid), Keglovitch, Povazsai (Vasas Györ), Temmings (DWS Amsterdam).
3: Brand (Rangers), Geurtsen (DWS Amsterdam), Györfi, Korsos (Vasas Györ), Jair, Mazzola, Peirò (Inter), Papoutsakis (Panathinaikos), Seemann (Lyn).

1965-66

8: Eusebio (Benfica).

European Club Quarter-finals

Champions' Cup
F K Austria v Liverpool (holders)
Juventus v Sparta Prague
Bordeaux v Dnepr (SU)
IFK Gothenburg v Panathinaikos

Cup-winners' Cup
Everton v Fortuna Sittard
Larisa (Gr) v Dynamo Moscow
Bayern Munich v Roma
Rapid Vienna v Dynamo Dresden

UEFA Cup
Manchester United v Videoton (Hun)
Zeljeznicar Sarajevo v Dynamo Minsk
Internazionale v 1. FC Köln
Tottenham (holders) v Real Madrid

Matches to be played March 6 and 20.

Leading scorers so far

Champions' Cup: *6 — T. Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg). 5 — Platini (Juventus). 4 each — Wark (Liverpool), Rossi (Juventus). 3 each — Pettersson, Carlsson, Frederiksson (IFK), Rush (Liverpool), Thon (Dynamo Berlin), Litovchenko (Dnepr). 2 each — Allgöwer (Stuttgart), Albert, Götz, Christianes (Beveren), Black (Aberdeen), Diamantino, Carlos Manuel (Benfica), Polster, Steinkogler, Drabits, Nyilasi, Prohaska, Oygris (FK Austria), Dajka (Honved), Gardner (IFK), Janjanin (Red Star Belgrade), Jacobsen (Valerengen), Müller (Grasshoppers), Orac (Dinamo Bucharest), Prochazka (Sparta Praha), Vilmar (Lyngby), McGaughey (Linfield), Vignola (Juventus).*

Cup-winners' Cup: *5 — Gazzayev (Dynamo Moscow). 4 each — Kurbos (Metz), Wohlfart (Bayern Munich). 3 each — Iwan, Banaskiewicz (Wisla Krakow), Panenka (Rapid Vienna), Xuereb (Hamrun), Hoyer (Fortuna Sittard).*

UEFA Cup: *7 — Bannister (QPR). 6 — Szabo (Videoton). 5 each — Van Basten (Ajax), Bahtic (Zeljeznicar). 4 each — Falco (Tottenham), Kondratiev (Minsk), Fegic (Rijeka), Rahn (Borussia Mg), Cina (Sion).*

7 Albert (Ferencvaros).
6: Connelly (Manchester Utd), Hasanagic (Partizan).
5 Amancio, Puskas (Real Madrid), Asparukhov (Levski), Herd (Manchester Utd), Mraz (Sparta Praga).
4: Augusto (Benfica), Best (Manchester Utd), Kvasnak (Sparta Praga), Stockman, Van Himst (Anderlecht).
3: Fratila (Dinamo Bucarest), Gento, Grosso, Pirri (Real Madrid), Kovacevic (Partizan), Law (Manchester Utd), Mulder, Puis (Anderlecht), Novak, Varga (Ferencvaros), Pedras, Torres (Benfica).

1966-67

6: Piepnburg (Vorwaerts), Van Himst (Anderlecht).
5: Chalmers (Celtic), Pol (Gornik Zabrze), Thomas (Linfield).
4: Devrindt (Anderlecht), Gemmell (Celtic), Koniatzka (Munchen 1860), Luis (Atletico Madrid), Mraz (Dukla), Scott (Linfield), Yakimov, Zanev (CSKA Sofia).
3: Cappellini, Mazzola (Inter), Cruyff, Swart (Ajax), Farkas, L. Puskas (Vasas B.), Hunt (Liverpool), Kohlars, Küppers (München 1860), Lubanski (Gornik), Magny (Nantes), Nedorost, Strunc (Dukla), Pavis (Linfield), Takac (Vojvodina).

1967-68

6: Eusebio (Benfica).
5: Gento (Real Madrid), Masek (Sparta), Van Himst (Anderlecht).
4: Amancio (Real Madrid), Lubanski (Gornik).
3: Antic (Sarajevo), Best, Sadler (Manchester Utd), Farkas, Korsos, Radics (Vasas B.), Gunnarsson (Valur), Pirri (Real Madrid).

1968-69

9: Law (Manchester Utd).
6: Cruyff (Ajax), Prati (Milan).
5: Adamec, Svec (Spartak Trnava), Torres (Benfica).
4: Bergholtz (Anderlecht), Iversen (Rosenborg), Kuna (Spartak Trnava), Pirri (Real Madrid).
3: Danielsson, Swart (Ajax), Dobias, Kabat (Spartak Trnava), Kaltenbrunner (Rapid Vienna), Sormani (Milan), Velazquez (Real Madrid).

1969-70

8: Jones (Leeds).
6: Gaels, Kindvall (Feyenoord).
5: Antonijevic (Red Star), Skouborg (KB Copenhagen).
4: Brychczy (Legia), Eusebio (Benfica), Giles (Leeds), Karasi (Red Star), Van Hanegem (Feyenoord).
3: Adamec (Spartac Trnava), Bergerad, Piepenburg (Vorwaerts) Bremner, Lorimer (Leeds), Combin (Milan), Depireux (Standard), Deyna, Gadocha (Legia), Diamantino (Benfica), Fleitas, Gento (Real Madrid), Gemmell (Celtic), Gökmen (Galatasaray), Wery (Feyenoord).

1970-71

10: Antoniadis (Panathinaikos).
6: Filipovic, Ostojic (Red Star), Luis (Atletico Madrid).
5: Ducke (Carl Zeiss), Laumen (Borussia Mönchengl), Wallace (Celtic).
4: Johnstone (Celtic), Keizer (Ajax), Köppel (Borussia Mönchengl), Royle (Everton).
3; Ball (Everton), Dzaijc, Jankovic (Red Star), Hood (Celtic), Lourenco (Sporting Lisbon), Pieszko, Stachurski (Legia), Pilot (Standard), Riva (Cagliari), Suurbler (Ajax), Vogel (Carl Zeiss).

1971-72

5: Macari (Celtic), Takac (Standard).
4: Cruyff (Ajax), A. Dunai (Ujpest Dozsa), Israel, Schoenmaker (Feyenoord), Jorge (Benfica), Kennedy (Arsenal), Müller (Grasshoppers).
3: Bene (Ujpest Dozsa), Boninsegna, Jair (Inter), Lefevre (Borussia Mönchengl), Maiwald, Posthumus, Van Hanegem (Feyenoord), Nené (Benfica), Radford (Arsenal), Swart (Ajax).

1972-73

12: G. Müller (Bayern).
6: Bene (Ujpest Dozsa).
5: Santillana (Real Madrid).
4: Hector (Derby County), Lubanski (Gornik), Rensenbrink (Anderlecht), Sparwasser (Magdeburgo).
3: Altafini (Juventus), Cruyff, Haan (Ajax), Dalglish (Celtic), Dobrin, Radu (Arges Pitesti), Roth, Schneider (Bayern).

1973-74

9: G. Müller (Bayern).
6: Lambert (Bruges), Torstensson (Atvidaberg/Bayern).
5: Georgescu (Dinamo Bucarest), U. Hoeness (Bayern).
4: Balmer, Hitzfeld (Basilea), Carteus (Bruges).
3: Callaghan, Deans, Johnstone (Celtic), Fazekas (Ujpest Dozsa), Kuznetsov (Zarja Voroshilovgrad), Maraschliev (CSKA Sofia), Martinkovic (Spartak Trnava), Nunweiller (Dinamo Bucarest), Sachse (Dynamo Dresden), Wampfler (Basilea).

1974-75

6: G. Müller (Bayern).
5: Almqvist (Atvidaberg), Markarov (Ararat).
4: Clares, Rexach (Barcelona), Clarke, Lorimer (Leeds), Kreuz, Schoenmaker (Feyenoord).
3: Asensi (Barcelona), Bene, A. Dunai (Ujpest Dozsa), Bremner, McQueen (Leeds), Bula (Ruch), Galakos (Olympiakos), Jerkovic, Zungul (Hajduk), Masny (Slovan), Rensenbrink (Anderlecht), H. Reveli, Triantafilos (St. Etienne).

1975-76

6: Heynckes (Borussia Mönchengl).
5: Lubse (PSV Eindhoven), G. Müller, Schuster (Bayern), R Martinez, Santillana (Real Madrid), Zungul (Hajduk).
4: George (Derby County), Larqué (St. Etienne), Nené (Benfica), Simonsen (Borussia Mönchengl), Surjak (Hajduk), Van der Kuylen (PSV Eindhoven).
3: Burjak (Dinamo Kiev), Dürnberger, Rummenigge (Bayern), Edströem (PSV Eindhoven), Jordäo (Benfica), Pirri (Real Madrid), P. Revelli (St. Etienne), Risi (Zurich).

1976-77

5: Cucinotta (Zurich), G. Müller (Bayern).
4: Keegan, Neal (Liverpool), Nyilasi (Ferencvaros), Torstensson (Bayern), R. Van de Kerkhof (PSV Eindhoven).
3: Burjak, Slobodian (Dynamo Kiév), Heighway, Johnson (Liverpool), Kreische (Dynamo Dresden), Risi (Zurich).

1977-78

5: Simonsen (Borussia Mönchengl.).
4: Case (Liverpool), Craig (Celtic), Davies (Bruges), Heynckes (Borussia Mönchengl.), Virdis (Juventus).
3: Cools, Vandereycken (Brugge), Dalglish (Liverpool), Filipovic (Red Star), Geels, La Ling (Ajax), Marcial (Atletico Madrid), Milanov, Panov (Levski-Spartak), Welzl (SSW Innsbruck).

1978-79

11: Sulser (Grasshoppers).
6: Birtles (Nottingham Forest).
5: D. Müller (Colonia), Schachner (Austria Vienna).
4: Bajevic (AEK), Kmiecik (Wisla), Van der Kuylen (PSV Eindhoven).
3: Deyckers (PSV Eindhoven), Juanito, Santillana (Real Madrid), Kroupa (Zbrojovka Brno), Ljungberg (Malmö), Ponte (Grasshoppers), Van Gool (Colonia).

1979-80

10: Lerby (Ajax).
7: Blanker (Ajax), Hrubesch (Hamburg).
6: Kaiafas (Omonia).
4 Arnesen, Krol (Ajax).
3: Bianchi, Piasecki (Strasbourg), Bowyer, Francis, Robertson (Nottingham Forest), Cunningham, Santillana (Real Madrid), Muckian (Dundalk), Pelka (Dynamo Berlino), Zl. Vujovic (Hajduk).

1980-81

6: Rummenigge (Bayern), Souness (Liverpool).
5: McDermott (Liverpool), Yonchev (CSKA Sofia).
4: Altobelli (Inter), Gavrilov (Spartak Mosca), D. Hoeness (Bayern), Juanito (Real Madrid).
3: Arnesen (Ajax), Bodonyi, Dajka, Esterhazy (Honved), Khidiatullin (Spartak Mosca), Repcic (Red Star), Santillana (Real Madrid).

1981-82

7: D. Hoeness (Bayern).
6: Rummenigge (Bayern).
5: Breitner (Bayern), Geurts (Anderlecht), D. Savic (Stella Rossa).
4: Knapp (Banik), Morley (Aston Villa).
3: Jerkovic (Zurich), Kist (AZ '67), Licka (Banik), Lozano (Anderlecht), McDermott (Liverpool), Petrovic (Red Star), Riediger (Dynamo Berlin), Shaw, Withe (Aston Villa), Yonchev (CSKA Sofia).

1982-83

6: Rossi (Juventus).
5: Platini (Juventus), Shaw (Aston Villa).
4: Bastrup (Hamburg), Krankl (Rapid Vienna), Tlokinski (Widzew), Uralde (Real Sociedad).
3: Filipczak, Surlit (Widzew), Georgescu (Dinamo Bucarest), Ismail (HJK Helsinki), Keglevits, Wilfurth (Rapid Vienna), Oliveira (Sporting Lisbona), Satrustegui (Real Sociedad), Whelan (Liverpool).

1983-84

6: Sokol (Dinamo Minsk).
5: Pruzzo (Roma), Rush (Liverpool).
4: Milne (Dundee Utd).
3: Anastopoulos (Olympiakos Pireus), Augustin (Dinamo Bucarest), Dalglish (Liverpool), Dodds, Stark (Dundee Utd), Ernst (Dynamo Berlin), Panenka (Rapid Vienna).

PLATINI v *and Juventus*

CHRISTMAS brought Michel Platini a sackful of presents. One was the European Footballer of the Year Award. But perhaps more significant was the 2-0 victory over Napoli to which he inspired Juventus just two days before Christmas.

It had long been an irritant for 29-year-old Platini, France captain and their European championship-winning inspiration, that Juve signed him in 1982 only after failing to beat Barcelona to the signature of Argentine wonder boy Diego Maradona.

The two players had never crossed competitive paths before that cold afternoon in Turin's Stadio Municipale. They had played on opposite sides just once — in 1979 when Argentina (and Maradona) beat the Rest of the World (including Platini) in a match celebrating the first anniversary of their World Cup win.

Most observers have always rated Maradona the superior player when it comes to individual technique and imagination but — certainly in the last two years — Platini the better man when it comes to applying his talents in the cause of his team.

Two days before Christmas then, the Frenchman finally had the chance to prove the point.

In the first half it was the £6 million Argentine who came closer to a goal with a shot which skimmed the bar. But a couple of minutes before the interval Juve went ahead through Massimo Briaschi. Napoli quickly faded and in the 79th minute it was Platini in person — come to claim his crown — who scored the killing second goal.

The Comunale erupted. Now there was no doubt: Platini was the undisputed king of the world game.

But he remains as modest as is possible. Publicly, at any rate, he would hear no word of criticism of Maradona. Platini would say only: "The Argentine is a fine player. The difference between us is only that I am fortunate enough to be one member of a tremendous team. Maradona, at the moment, is virtually alone at Napoli. They have a lot of building to do."

Platini's retention of the European Footballer of the Year Award places him alongside previous double-winners Alfredo Di Stefano, Franz Beckenbauer, Kevin Keegan and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. Only one player has won the title three times, Johan Cruyff. But at Platini's present level of success the Flying Dutchman may not hold that unique accolade much longer.

The Frenchman is not prepared to envisage his runaway success continuing unchecked, however.

Platini says: "With France we created a record this past year. We won all our 12 games in a row. Even the great Hungarian team of Puskas and Kocsis never managed that. Such success with the national team and with Juventus at the same time must be unrepeatable. I can't imagine that my career will ever contain another year such as this one. A pity it has had to end."

Success is not necessarily enjoyable, though.

Platini says: "The enjoyment went out of the window a long time ago. I enjoy training, but that's the limit of it. For example, after we won the European championship final against Spain what I enjoyed in the following couple of weeks was not a sense of success, but being able to relax.

"At such a level, and playing for such fine teams, you expect to win. It's strange, but I probably feel more deeply about a match when we've lost.

"Everything in the professional game is based on the result. I can understand that. I think maybe it was a pity for French sport as a whole that Baron De Coubertin was one of us, a Frenchman, with his words about taking part being more important than winning!

"I think that possibly used to colour our attitude to the French national team. But not any more. We don't go out now just to make up the numbers. And we don't have time to pat ourselves on the back for playing the most attractive football. That's not what matters.

"Happiness is not having lost your last game . . ."

That is an approach which sounds particularly familiar to those who have much

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The story so far . . .

***LEADERS:** VERONA **(21 pts/13 games)** Entered the new year with a two-point lead over Torino and Inter much to everyone's surprise. They were undefeated even though the new signings who have added so much impetus — West German defender or midfielder Hans Peter Briegel and Danish spearhead Preben Elkjaer — have missed occasional games because of injuries or World Cup calls. Other key players include Juventus attacking cast-off Giuseppe Galderisi and the national team's new schemer, Antonio Di Gennaro.*

***2nd.** TORINO **(19 pts).** The goals of Aldo Serena, whom Torino picked up in the wake of a transfer battle between Milan and Inter, have done much to put his team back in the title frame. But the most important influence is Brazilian star Junior. Famous as an attacking left-back with Flamengo, he has been converted into one of the finest midfield players in the championship.*

***3rd.** INTERNAZIONALE **(19 pts).** If it hadn't been for a sluggish start, Messrs Brady and Rummenigge could be leading the league. As it is their signings during the summer have rejuvenated World Cup winning striker Sandro Altobelli — who had expected to be sold last spring to help raise the cash for Rummenigge. Off the field president Ernesto Pellegrini has rebuilt the administration and board. Newly-appointed to try to improve Inter's image with the media is former star defender and captain of Italy, Giacinto Facchetti.*

***4th.** SAMPDORIA **(17 pts).** Graeme Souness and Trevor Francis capture most of the headlines but more important for Samp's hopes of maintaining this revival are young Italian starlets such as defenders Mannini and Galia and midfielders Salsano and Viallli.*

***5th.** ROMA **(16 pts).** Six months of uncertainty were ended when Brazil schemer Paolo Roberto Falcao had a Christmas knee operation in New York. Roma have been partly compensated by the return after a broken leg of former international Carlo Ancelotti. But the team have taken too long to adjust to Swedish coach Sven-Goran Eriksson.*

***6th.** MILAN **(15 pts).** Mark Hateley's success up front was abruptly halted by his knee injury which in turn exposed Milan for what they are at the moment — a team travelling more in hope than with real expectations of arriving on the victory podium at the season's end.*

***7th.** JUVENTUS **(14 pts)** Juve's critics say this is the champions' worst season since coach Giovanni Trapattoni took over in 1976. Paolo Rossi has scored only once in the league so far and Poland's Zbigniew Boniek has been an erratic target for fans' criticism. Juve have missed Claudio Gentile (now Fiorentina) and were forced to call up reserve goalkeeper Luciano Bodini (for his first regular series of matches since his signing from Atalanta nearly seven years ago) after jittery displays from Stefano Tacconi had upset the confidence of the entire defence.*

***8th.** FIORENTINA **(13 pts).** The Florence club's midtable showing bas been a bitter disappointment to fans, players and directors. Coach Giancarlo De Sisti was forced to resign (only three months after undergoing head surgery) and has been replaced by Ferruccio Valcareggi. The 64-year-old who took Italy to the 1970 World Cup Final was brought out of semi-retirement to act as caretaker while the Pontelli family who own the club sound out the likes of Cesar Menotti and Ernst Happel. In the meantime Brazil's Socrates continues to dissappoint. One piece of good news: skipper Giancarlo Antognoni, whose career was in doubt after his leg break a year ago, hopes to head a league comeback against Verona early in February.*

***9th.** ATALANTA **(13 pts).** Promoted this past summer and holding their own despite a problem up front. They ave scored only ten goals in 13 games.*

***10th.** AVELLINO **(12 pts).** It had been thought that if anyone could get the best out of Argentina's World Cup centre forward Ramon Diaz it would be his 1950s' national team predecessor, Antonio Valentin Angelillo. But Diaz has found the net only twice this term.*

***11th.** COMO **(11 pts).** Como's problem has been their foreigners. Sweden's Dan Corneliusson had to be dropped soon after moving from Stuttgart, and West Germany's injury-prone Hansi Müller has only lately rejoined the action after a long lay-off. He marked his return by collecting a booking in the j3-1 defeat by Torino.*

***12th.** NAPOLI **(9 pts).** Diego Maradona's signing last summer led the fans to expect great things. All they can now expect, it would appear, is the dismissal some time soon of coach Rino Marchesi. As always, the manager is an easy scapegoat for other people's expensive mistakes.*

***13th.** LAZIO **(9 pts).** Lazio sacked coach Giancarlo Morrone early in the season, but successor Juan Carlos Lorenzo has had little more success. Lazio appeared to be slipping back into the bad old habits when events off the field — such as the lurid and unsavoury family concerns of striker Bruno Giordano — gained far greater publicity than the quality of the team's football. On another level the sad truth is that a fine young player, Denmark's Michael Laudrup, could have his career blighted through no fault of his own.*

***14th.** UDINESE **(9 pts).** Brazilian striker Zico says he will stay two more years but the chances appear unlikely if Udinese go down. They spent all their money on Zico two years ago and had none left to buy the necessary supporting cast. No wonder he has become increasingly disillusioned — a recent outburst earned a federation fine of £1,000 and a three-game ban.*

***15th.** ASCOLI **(7 pts).** Original coach Carlo Mazzone had a team of unknowns working effectively until the arrival last summer of star imports Dirceu (Brazil) and Patricio Hernandez (Argentina). Mazzone couldn't cope with the ensuing internal upsets and has been succeeded by former Yugoslav international and ex-Real Madrid chief Vujadin Boskov. He tightened up the defence but Ascoli remain one of the favourites for the drop.*

***16th.** CREMOESE **(4 pts).** Poland World Cup defender Wladyslaw Zmuda has been cleared to play for Cremonese in the second half of the season. But that will be far too late. Cremonese's first season in the top flight is already doomed to end with relegation.*

***League top scorers.** — 8 goals, Platini (Juventus). 7, Altobelli (Inter). 6 Serena (Torino). 5 each, Briaschi (Juve), Hateley (Milan), Galderisi (Verona). 4 each, Colombo (Avellino), Rummenigge (Inter), Bertoni (Napoli), Junior and Dossena (both Torina), Briegel (Verona).*

MARADONA *beat Napoli 2-0*

BACK home in Buenos Aires, Argentinos Juniors, the club who discovered Diego Maradona, were celebrating.

The million-pound-plus which his transfer first to Boca Juniors and then to Barcelona had earned, had been invested so wisely in new players that the club had just won the Argentine league title for the first time.

But in far-off Naples, Maradona himself — the unwitting architect of that triumph for Argentinos — raised little more than a preoccupied smile when told the news.

Maradona, at £6 million the world's most expensive footballer when Napoli took him to Italy from Barcelona last summer, was brooding over his club's latest defeat.

That Napoli should have lost 2-0 away to Juventus would not, at other times, be rated an upset. But Juve have been so erratic this season, and Napoli's hopes so sky-high after Maradona's arrival, that logic had long since gone out of the window.

It is now too late to say it was illogical of Napoli to sign the Argentine wonder boy in the first place. They quickly raked in more than £1 million in season ticket sales. But the precarious financial situation of the club has been underlined by their latest attempt to renegotiate the payment schedule to Barcelona.

As for Maradona, maybe he should have been better advised. Napoli are a club with huge support, huge ambition and zero achievement. The very enthusiasm of the club's support denies officials and players both perspective and peace in which to work.

DECEMBER 23
Turin — Italian league
Juventus 2 (Briaschi 42, Platini 62)
Napoli 0
HT: 1-0 Att: 50,561 (receipts £318,000).
Ref: Casarin.

Juventus: Bodini — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Briaschi, Tardelli, Rossi (Limido 77), Platini, Boniek.

Napoli: Castellini — Bruscolotti, De Simone, Bagni, Ferrario (Carannante 69), Marino, Caffarelli, De Vecchi, Penzo (Bertoni 72), Maradona, Celestini.

As coach Rino Marchesi has found out this season. Already the speculation is mounting about his successor. Will it be Cesar Menotti (also eyed by Fiorentina)? Or Ernst Happel? Nor is this a whispering campaign. It has been mounted in large newspaper headlines. No wonder the players complain that Marchesi has become moody and sharp-tempered in training sessions. And that 'front office' unrest has spread to the squad with other players questioning the true value of Maradona's transfer.

Maradona has remained admirably diplomatic about the Napoli crisis. Only occasionally has he been caught off guard — as when he recently complained that Italy midfielder Salvatore Bagni "gave me only two passes throughout the entire 90 minutes."

But it was while in Barcelona — of all places! — that Maradona felt far enough away to give vent to some of his real feelings about events in Naples. His words, once published, soon found their way back to Napoli of course.

Maradona was in Spain to receive an award from a Catalan newspaper. It wasn't a happy visit. He also spent an hour or two with the police after his hire car was involved in a minor traffic accident. But it was his comments on Napoli which caused most discussion.

"At Napoli everything must change," he said. "I don't mean in terms of players or coaches but in terms of mentality and approach to the game and to each other. I know these things take time but I think perhaps one problem is that we don't get on with each other well enough as human beings.

"And that means that out on the pitch we don't provide the quality of play and results which the club and supporters have a right to expect. The fans who have been whistling and jeering us are right.

"When I arrived in Italy everybody talked about how we were poised to win the championship. That seems a long time ago now. Looking at the league table I sometines think we'll struggle to get up to halfway. I do

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FEW people this year will argue about who is the best side in Europe. France won the European Championship last June, and have a 12-game record of 100 per cent success.

They also are placed top of my table, and in my opinion, the quality of their football was such that they are quite the best side of 1984 by a long way.

It could be argued that because 11 of France's 12 games were played on their own soil, the results are misleading. Away from home they met only little Luxembourg and won 4-0, and home advantage is certainly of great importance, but winning 12 out of 12 takes some doing today.

I thought that France in the second stage were, with Brazil, the best team in the 1982 World Cup, but that was an assessment based on the quality of their play, and is open to argument. My only criticism is of the French front line, and having tried a string of players in the striking roles, none has yet given complete satisfaction.

Midfield

I would be tempted, if it were my responsibility to run the French side, to play with no strikers. Bernard Genghini of Monaco is one of the two extra midfield players I would draft in, but I would not know who else to play. The main responsibility in midfield falls on Michel Platini, Jean Tigana and Alain Giresse, and if the French clubs have another one like any of that trio, then he would be my man.

Playing a front player provides two obvious advantages. First the strikers get the chances to score goals, but even if Bruno Bellone did take a fine goal against Spain, he and men like Bernard Lacombe and Dominique Rocheteau have scored so few goals this year for *L'Equipe de France*, that none can be included for his scoring rate.

Then, as a target for passes the French strikers show no real ability to contribute much in this aspect of the game, and overall I would experiment without them. Before leaving this point, let me just add that I thought that in 1984 Didier Six should never have been included and must be close to being the poorest striker at top level.

I doubt whether Scotland deserve their second place and I feel strongly that Italy do not deserve their high ranking. But even if Italy did only draw 0-0 away to the United States and could only win 2-1 away to Turkey, where England later won 8-0, it is the way they play that is the root of my dislike.

They defend with ruthless efficiency and try to counter-attack quickly, but do not attack with enough men. I saw a video of Italy at home to Czechoslovakia (1-1), and was bored silly. To play good, attractive and entertaining football, a team must be prepared to attack with six or seven players every time they gain possession.

Italy do not do that, and for example, when winning 1-0 they might attack on the break with only two players who are opposed by six or more defenders. That philosophy is completely contrary to mine, but highly popular with managers. As I see it it is on the road leading to disaster and bankruptcy for clubs. Few spectators will pay to see that kind of football and even the Italians are pulling disappointing crowds these days, even at home. That underlines my point.

The Soviet Union are an enigma, when they beat England 2-0 at Wembley last season, they were outstanding. Their defence was sound, their build-up had class, skill and intelligence, and they switched smoothly and quickly from defence to attack. Renat Dasayev, in goal, was superb; Oleg Blokhin was good, and the overall standard of play was excellent, with inside-left Khoren Oganesian their best player and a true star by any standards.

Opinion

Oganesian scored a well-made and well-taken goal which could have made it 3-0. It was disallowed for off-side but for their own reasons the BBC did not screen that in their TV highlights. But overall it was my opinion that the Soviets and Oganesian were in a different class to England.

Yet overall they did not do well and, in Dublin, lost 0-1 in a World Cup qualifying match which could well cost them their place in Mexico. That goal gave the Republic of Ireland their only win of 1984 in seven games, and it was in fact the only goal they scored that year.

England's position is just about right for they are far from being among the leaders in the world game. They looked pathetic away to Wales — absolute rubbish — and were well beaten at home by the Soviet Union.

Then they went to Brazil and won 2-0, and their image took on a different hue. I was unimpressed, for I knew that Brazil had no team with all their players in Italy, and playing their first game under new manager, Edu, it was a day on which Brazil could not be expected to be good.

In the autumn campaign, England struggled at home to East Germany as they always do to a useful continental side with an excellent *libero* and a good goalkeeper, and scraped a 1-0 win. The DDR were not a good side, but they did work hard and were well organised, and it is this deep, defensive organisation, coupled with not being afraid of physical contact and working hard, which baffles England.

Then of course came the 5-0 home win over Finland with Mark Hateley so dangerous, and then on to Istanbul and that 8-0 away win. England should of course qualify for the World Cup, but I have very serious doubts about their ability to do well in Mexico. I do not think much of many of the players capped since the last World Cup, and I have no confidence in manager Bobby Robson.

Having said that, let me make it clear that in my opinion, anyone who thinks that picking a good England team is easy, wants his head examined, and Robson is not as bad as his biggest critics claim.

I have just two points to make about Robson's meanderings. First, he took apart the 1982 World Cup team; spent the best part of two years capping almost anyone except me and my grandmother, and then went back and chose almost everyone he could who remained from the games in Spain.

Secondly, if Paul Mariner had been fit to play against Finland, then I believe Mariner would have played — yet it was Hateley who came in for Mariner who contri-

EUROPEAN RANKINGS TABLE

		P	W	D	L	Goals	% success
1	France	12	12	0	0	27- 4	100
2	Scotland	6	4	1	1	15- 6	75.0
3	Italy	9	5	3	1	14- 4	72.2
4	Hungary	11	6	3	2	21-10	68.1
5	West Germany	11	7	1	3	15-11	68.1
6	Poland	13	6	5	2	16-10	65.3
7	Norway	10	5	3	2	8- 4	65.0
8	Czechoslovakia	7	4	1	2	10- 5	64.3
9	East Germany	9	5	1	3	20-12	61.1
10	Portugal	10	5	2	3	13-12	60.0
11	Northern Ireland	6	3	1	2	9- 6	58.3
12	Israel	7	2	4	1	8- 6	57.1
13	England	11	5	2	4	18- 8	54.5
14	Spain	13	5	4	4	16-12	53.8
15	Denmark	13	6	2	5	19-16	53.8
16	Holland	4	2	0	2	8- 4	50.0
17	Russia	7	3	1	3	10- 6	50.0
18	Austria	7	3	1	3	11- 8	50.0
19	Yugoslavia	9	4	1	4	12-21	50.0
20	Switzerland	8	2	3	3	4-11	43.7
21	Rumania	12	3	4	5	15-15	41.6
22	Greece	10	2	4	4	9-13	40.0
23	Belgium	10	3	2	5	10-16	40.0
24	Iceland	5	2	0	3	4- 7	40.0
25	Bulgaria	9	1	5	3	9- 8	38.8
26	Sweden	8	2	2	4	8- 7	37.5
27	Wales	8	2	2	4	5- 9	37.5
28	Turkey	10	3	1	6	7-22	35.0
29	Cyprus	7	1	2	4	5- 9	28.5
30	Finland	7	2	0	5	5-16	28.5
31	Eire	7	1	2	4	1- 8	28.5
32	Malta	4	0	0	4	3-13	0.0
33	Luxembourg	10	0	0	10	2-25	0.0
Also:							
	Albania	3	1	1	1	5- 5	
	Liechtenstein	1	0	0	1	0- 6	

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buted most against Finland.

Not least because Hateley terrified the life out of all the Finnish players, because of his physical "presence". Hateley played well and will I am sure be a very successful player, assuming he gets over his present injury, but he will not look half so good against players who are not afraid of him.

Finally, before leaving the England question, how many readers knew that not long before England won 8-0 in Istanbul, a quite ordinary Hungary had gone there and won by 6-0? Not many I would guess and Hungary's result in Turkey puts England's win in perspective. We are still at square one with everything to prove.

Last of all, a word about Norway. Of course they are much improved, and gained seventh place in this year's table. There is no doubt that Norway are playing to their maximum, and with their limited resources it is a fantastic achievement. Won 5 drawn 3 and lost 2 is for Norway a great performance but the stark fact is that they scored only eight goals in 10 games, and did so well only because they conceded only four goals in 900 minutes.

Norway have no choice with their limited resources and their terrible climate and near-amateur league. They must just soldier on, doing the best they can.

But the stronger football countries, like England, West Germany, Italy, Brazil and Argentina should, and I feel must, pick players with skill and intelligence, and play attacking football in a way which pleases the crowds. They msut show the world that it is still possible to play clever, attacking football, and still entertain, and win.

If they do not do that then the game will steadily lose popularity, as it is doing now, and anyone who doubts that, just check on England's attendances at home to East Germany and Finland.

Only France are showing us the way but even they have problems, as I am sure we will see in Mexico, if not before. The game overall is not in a good, healthy state.

Paul Mariner

ALBANIA have been excluded from the table because, throughout the years that I have collated the results and contributed this feature, I have always excluded countries who do not play at least four games because anything less cannot reflect a reasonable picture. Albania are much improved, drawing 2-2 away to Poland, and winning 2-0 at home to Belgium, but an average of 50 per cent over three games would place Albania on an equal footing with for example, the Soviet Union, which would be quite wrong and misleading.

Secondly, the way in which the table is compiled has not changed: First award two points for each victory, and one each for a draw. Then place the total points earned over the total points available to provide the rate of percentage success.

ALBANIA

Oct 17	Belgium	L 1-3	Brussels	EC
Oct 31	Poland	D 2-2	Mielec	WC
Dec 22	Belgium	W 2-0	Tirana	WC

AUSTRIA

Mar 28	France	L 0-1	Bordeaux	
Apr 18	Greece	D 0-0	Vienna	
May 2	Cyprus	W 2-1	Nicosia	WC
Jun 6	L'stein	W 6-0	Vaduz	
Sep 12	Denmark	L 1-3	Copenhagen	
Sep 26	Hungary	L 1-3	Budapest	WC
Nov 14	Holland	W 1-0	Vienna	WC

BELGIUM

Feb 29	W. G'many	L 0-1	Brussels	
Apr 17	Poland	W 1-0	Warsaw	
Jun 6	Hungary	D 2-2	Brussels	
Jun 13	Y'slavia	W 2-0	Lens	EC
Jun 16	France	L 0-5	Nantes	EC
Jun 19	Denmark	L 2-3	Strasbourg	EC
Sep 5	Argentina	L 0-2	Brussels	
Oct 17	Albania	W 3-1	Brussels	WC
Dec 19	Greece	D 0-0	Athens	WC
Dec 22	Albania	L 0-2	Tirana	WC

BULGARIA

Feb 5	Morocco	D 1-1	Casablanca	
Feb 15	W. G'many	L 2-3	Varna	
Apr 2	Kuwait	D 1-1	Kuwait	
Jun 6	Denmark	D 1-1	Copenhagen	
Sep 6	Portugal	L 0-1	Lisbon	
Sep 29	Y'slavia	D 0-0	Belgrade	WC
Oct 16	Turkey	D 0-0	Istanbul	
Nov 21	France	L 0-1	Paris	WC
Dec 5	Luxemb'g	W 4-0	Sofia	WC

CYPRUS

Apr 11	Greece	D 1-1	Athens	
May 2	Austria	L 1-2	Nicosia	WC
Aug 17	Greece	L 0-2	Limassol	
Nov 3	Canada	D 1-1	Limassol	
Nov 17	Hungary	L 1-2	Nicosia	WC
Dec 17	Luxembourg	W 1-0	Nicosia	
Dec 23	Holland	L 0-1	Limassol	

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mar 28	E. G'many	L 1-2	Erfurt	
Apr 7	Italy	D 1-1	Verona	
Apr 18	Sov Union	W 1-0	Moscow	
May 16	Denmark	W 1-0	Prague	
Sep 5	Greece	W 1-0	Athens	
Oct 14	Portugal	L 1-2	Oporto	WC
Oct 31	Malta	W 4-0	Prague	WC

DENMARK

Mar 14	Holland	L 0-6	Amsterdam	
Apr 11	Spain	L 1-2	Valencia	
May 16	C'slovakia	D 1-1	Prague	
Jun 6	Sweden	W 1-0	Gothenburg	
Jun 6	Bulgaria	D 1-1	Copenhagen	
Jun 12	France	L 0-1	Paris	EC
Jun 16	Y'slavia	W 5-0	Lyon	EC
Jun 19	Belgium	W 3-2	Strasbourg	EC
Jun 24	Spain	D 1-1	Lyon	EC
Sep 12	Austria	W 3-1	Copenhagen	
Sep 26	Norway	W 1-0	Copenhagen	WC
Oct 17	Sw'land	L 0-1	Berne	WC
Nov 14	Rep. Ireland	W 3-0	Copenhagen	

E. GERMANY

Feb 15	Greece	W 1-3	Athens	
Mar 28	C'slovakia	W 2-1	Erfurt	
Aug 11	Mexico	D 1-1	East Berlin	
Aug 29	Rumania	W 2-1	Gera	
Sep 12	England	L 0-1	Wembley	
Oct 10	Algeria	W 5-2	Aue	
Oct 20	Y'slavia	L 2-3	Leipzig	WC
Nov 17	L'bourg	W 0-5	E'Alzette	WC
Dec 8	France	L 0-2	Paris	WC

ENGLAND

Feb 29	France	L 0-2	Paris	
Apr 4	N. Ireland	W 1-0	Wembley	
May 2	Wales	L 0-1	Wrexham	
May 26	Scotland	D 1-1	Hampden	
Jun 2	Sov. Union	L 0-2	Wembley	
Jun 10	Brazil	W 2-0	Rio de Janeiro	
Jun 13	Uruguay	L 0-2	Montevideo	
Jun 17	Chile	D 0-0	Santiago	
Sep 12	E. G'many	W 1-0	Wembley	
Oct 17	Finland	W 5-0	Wembley	WC
Nov 14	Turkey	W 8-0	Istanbul	WC

FINLAND

May 15	S. Union	L 1-3	Toivola	
May 27	N. Ireland	W 1-0	Pori	WC
Aug 16	Mexico	L 0-3	Helsinki	
Sep 12	Poland	L 0-2	Helsinki	
Oct 17	England	L 0-5	Wembley	WC
Oct 31	Turkey	W 1-2	Antalya	EC
Nov 14	N. Ireland	L 1-2	Belfast	WC

FRANCE

Feb 29	England	W 2-0	Paris	
Mar 28	Austria	W 1-0	Bordeaux	
Apr 18	W. G'many	W 1-0	Strasbourg	
Jun 1	Scotland	W 2-0	Marseille	
Jun 12	Denmark	W 1-0	Paris	
Jun 16	Belgium	W 5-0	Nantes	
Jun 19	Y'slavia	W 3-2	Saint-Etienne	EC
Jun 23	Portugal	W 3-2	Marseilles	ECS
Jun 27	Spain	W 2-0	Paris	ECF
Oct 13	L'bourg	W 4-0	L'bourg	WC
Nov 21	Bulgaria	W 1-0	Paris	WC
Dec 8	E. G'many	W 2-0	Paris	WC

GREECE

Feb 15	E. G'many	L 1-3	Athens	
Mar 7	Rumania	L 0-2	Craiova	
Apr 11	Cyprus	D 1-1	Athens	
Apr 18	Austria	D 0-0	Vienna	
Aug 17	Cyprus	W 2-0	Limassol	
Sep 5	C'slovakia	L 0-1	Athens	
Oct 10	Israel	D 2-2	Athens	
Oct 17	Poland	L 1-3	Zabrze	WC
Dec 5	Rumania	W 2-1	Athens	
Dec 19	Belgium	D 0-0	Athens	WC

HOLLAND

Mar 14	Denmark	W 6-0	Amsterdam	
Oct 17	Hungary	L 1-2	Rotterdam	WC
Nov 14	Austria	L 0-1	Vienna	WC
Dec 23	Cyprus	W 1-0	Limassol	WC

HUNGARY

Jan 18	Spain	W 1-0	Cadiz	
Mar 31	Y'slavia	L 1-2	Subotiça	
Apr 4	Turkey	W 6-0	Istanbul	
May 23	Norway	D 0-0	Szekesfehrvar	
May 31	Spain	D 1-1	Budapest	
Jun 6	Belgium	D 2-2	Brussels	
Aug 22	Sw'land	W 3-0	Budapest	
Aug 25	Mexico	L 0-2	Budapest	
Sep 26	Austria	W 3-1	Budapest	
Oct 17	Holland	W 2-1	Rotterdam	WC
Nov 17	Cyprus	W 2-1	Nicosia	WC

ICELAND

Jun 20	Norway	L 0-1	Reykjavik	
Sep 12	Wales	W 1-0	Reykjavik	WC

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Aug 17	Saudi Arabia	W 2-1	Riyadh	
Oct 17	Scotland	L 0-3	Hampden	WC
Nov 14	Wales	L 1-2	Cardiff	WC

ITALY

Feb 4	Mexico	W 5-0	Roma	
Mar 3	turkey	W 2-1	Istanbul	
Apr 7	C'slovakia	D 1-1	Verona	
May 22	W. G'many	L 0-1	Zurich	
May 26	Canada	W 2-0	Toronto	
May 30	United States	D 0-0	New York	
Sep 26	Sweden	W 1-0	Milan	
Nov 3	Sw'land	D 1-1	Lausanne	
Dec 8	Poland	W 2-0	Pescara	

LIECHTENSTEIN

Jun 6	Austria	L 0-6	Vaduz	

LUXEMBOURG

Feb 29	Spain	L 1-1	Luxembourg	
Mar 11	Turkey	L 1-3	Luxembourg	
May 1	Norway	L 0-2	Ettelbruck	
Jun 9	Portugal	L 1-2	Luxembourg	
Oct 13	France	L 0-4	Luxembourg	WC
Nov 17	E. G'many	L 0-5	E'Alzette	WC
Dec 5	Bulgaria	L 0-4	Sofia	WC
Dec 17	Cyprus	L 0-1	Nicosia	
Dec 19	Israel	L 0-2	Tel-Aviv	
Dec 22	Turkey	L 0-1	Istanbul	

MALTA

May 23	Sweden	L 0-4	Norrkoping	WC
Aug 17	Israel	L 1-2	Tel-Aviv	
Oct 31	C'slovakia	L 0-4	Prague	WC
Dec 16	W. G'many	L 2-3	Valletta	WC

N. IRELAND

Apr 4	England	L 0-1	Wembley	
May 22	Wales	D 1-1	Swansea	
May 27	Finland	L 0-1	Pori	WC
Sep 12	Rumania	W 3-2	Belfast	WC
Oct 16	Israel	W 3-0	Belfast	
Nov 14	Finland	W 2-1	Belfast	WC

NORWAY

May 1	L'bourg	W 2-0	Ettelbruck	
May 23	Hungary	D 0-0	Szekesfeherver	
Jun 6	Wales	W 1-0	Trondheim	
Jun 20	Iceland	W 1-0	Reykjavik	
Aug 29	Poland	D 1-1	Drammen	
Sep 12	Sw'land	L 0-1	Oslo	WC
Sep 26	Denmark	L 0-1	Cop'hagen	WC
Oct 10	S. Union	D 1-1	Oslo	WC
Oct 17	Rep. Ireland	W 1-0	Oslo	WC
Dec 18	Egypt	W 1-0	Cairo	

POLAND

Jan 11	India	W 2-1	Calcutta	
Jan 15	China	W 1-0	Calcutta	
Jan 17	Argentina	D 1-1	Calcutta	
Jan 27	China	W 1-0	Calcutta	
Mar 27	Sw'land	D 1-1	Zurich	
Apr 17	Belgium	L 0-1	Warsaw	
May 23	Rep. Ireland	D 0-0	Dalymount	
Aug 29	Norway	D 1-1	Drammen	
Sep 12	Finland	W 2-0	Helsinki	
Sep 26	Turkey	W 2-0	Stupak	
Oct 17	Greece	W 3-1	Zabrze	WC
Oct 31	Albania	D 2-2	Mielec	WC
Dec 8	Italy	L 0-2	Pescara	

PORTUGAL

Jun 2	Y'slavia	L 2-3	Lisbon	
Jun 9	Luxembourg	W 2-1	Luxembourg	
Jun 14	W. G'many	D 0-0	Strasbourg	EC
Jun 17	Spain	D 1-1	Marseille	EC
Jun 20	Rumania	W 1-0	Nantes	EC
Jun 23	France	L 2-3	Marseille	ECS
Sep 6	Bulgaria	W 1-0	Lisbon	
Sep 12	Sweden	W 1-0	Stockholm	WC
Oct 14	C'slovakia	W 2-1	Oporto	WC
Nov 14	Sweden	L 1-3	Lisbon	WC

REP. IRELAND

Apr 4	Israel	L 0-3	Tel Aviv	
May 23	Poland	D 0-0	Dublin	
Jun 3	China	W 1-0	Sapporo	
Aug 8	Mexico	D 0-0	Dublin	
Sep 12	S. Union	W 1-0	Dublin	
Oct 17	Norway	L 0-1	Oslo	WC
Nov 14	Denmark	L 0-3	Cop'hagen	WC

RUMANIA

Feb 7	Algeria	D 1-1	Algiers	
Mar 7	Greece	W 2-0	Craiova	
Apr 11	Israel	D 0-0	Oradea	
Jun 14	Spain	D 1-1	Saint-Etienne	EC
Jun 17	W. G'many	L 1-2	Lens	EC
Jun 20	Portugal	L 0-1	Nantes	EC
Jul 29	China	W 4-2	Iasi	
Aug 1	China	W 1-0	Buzau	
Aug 29	E. G'many	L 1-2	Gera	
Sep 12	N. Ireland	D 2-2	Belfast	WC
Nov 21	Israel	D 1-1	Tel Aviv	
Dec 5	Greece	L 1-2	Athens	

SCOTLAND

Feb 28	Wales	W 2-1	Hampden	
May 26	England	D 1-1	Hampden	
Jun 1	France	L 0-2	Marseille	
Sep 12	Y'slavia	W 6-1	Hampden	
Oct 17	Iceland	W 3-0	Hampden	WC
Nov 14	Spain	W 3-1	Hampden	WC

SOV. UNION

Mar 28	W. G'many	L 1-2	Hanover	
Apr 18	C'slovakia	L 1-0	Moscow	
May 15	Finland	W 3-1	Toivola	
Jun 2	England	W 2-0	Wembley	
Aug 19	Mexico	W 3-0	Leningrad	
Sep 12	Rep. Ireland	L 0-1	Dublin	WC
Oct 10	Norway	D 1-1	Oslo	WC

SPAIN

Jan 18	Hungary	L 0-1	Cadiz	
Feb 29	L'bourg	W 1-0	Luxembourg	
Apr 11	Denmark	W 2-1	Valencia	
May 26	Sw'land	W 4-0	Geneva	
May 31	Hungary	D 1-1	Budapest	
Jun 7	Y'slavia	L 0-1	La Linea	
Jun 14	Rumania	D 1-1	Saint-Etienne	EC
Jun 17	Portugal	D 1-1	Marseille	EC
Jun 20	W. G'many	W 1-0	Paris	EC
Jun 24	Denmark	D 1-1	Lyon	ECS
Jun 27	France	L 0-2	Paris	ECF
Oct 17	Wales	W 3-0	Seville	WC
Nov 14	Scotland	L 1-3	Hampden	WC

SWEDEN

May 2	Sw'land	D 0-0	Bern	
May 23	Malta	W 4-0	Norrkoping	WC
Jun 6	Denmark	L 0-1	Gothenburg	
Aug 22	Mexico	D 1-1	Malmo	
Sep 12	Portugal	L 0-1	Stockholm	WC
Sep 26	Italy	L 0-1	Milan	
Oct 17	W. G'many	L 0-2	Cologne	WC
Nov 14	Portugal	W 3-1	Lisbon	WC

SWITZERLAND

Mar 27	Poland	D 1-1	Zurich	
May 2	Sweden	D 0-0	Bern	
May 26	Spain	L 0-4	Geneva	
Aug 22	Hungary	L 0-3	Budapest	
Sep 1	Argentina	L 0-2	Berne	
Sep 12	Norway	W 1-0	Oslo	WC
Oct 17	Denmark	W 1-0	Berne	WC
Nov 3	Italy	D 1-1	Lausanne	

TURKEY

Jan 21	Egypt	L 0-1	Cairo	
Jan 23	Egypt	W 1-0	Cairo	
Mar 3	Italy	L 1-2	Istanbul	
Mar 11	L'bourg	W 3-1	Luxembourg	
apr 4	Hungary	W 6-0	Istanbul	
Sep 26	Poland	L 0-2	Slupak	
Oct 16	Bulgaria	D 0-0	Istanbul	
Oct 31	Finland	L 1-2	Antalya	WC
Nov 14	England	L 0-8	Istanbul	WC
Dec 22	L'bourg	W 1-0	Istanbul	

WALES

Feb 28	Scotland	L 1-2	Hampden	
May 2	England	W 1-0	Wrexham	
May 22	N. Ireland	D 1-1	Swansea	
Jun 6	Norway	L 0-1	Trondheim	
Jun 10	Israel	D 0-0	Tel Aviv	
Sep 12	Iceland	L 0-1	Reykjavik	WC
Oct 17	Spain	L 0-3	Seville	WC
Nov 14	Iceland	W 2-1	Cardiff	WC

W. GERMANY

Feb 15	Bulgaria	W 3-2	Varna	
Feb 29	Belgium	W 1-0	Brussels	
Mar 28	S. Union	W 2-1	Hanover	
Apr 18	France	L 0-1	Strasbourg	
May 22	Italy	W 1-0	Zurich	
Jun 14	Portugal	D 0-0	Strasbourg	EC
Jun 17	Rumania	W 2-1	Lens	EC
Jun 20	Spain	L 0-1	Paris	EC
Sep 12	Argentina	L 1-3	Dusseldorf	
Oct 17	Sweden	W 2-0	Cologne	WC
Dec 16	Malta	W 3-2	Valletta	WC

YUGOSLAVIA

Mar 31	Hungary	W 2-1	Subotica	
Jun 2	Portugal	W 3-2	Lisbon	
Jun 7	Spain	W 1-0	La Linea	
Jun 13	Belgium	L 0-2	Lens	EC
Jun 16	Denmark	L 0-5	Lyon	EC
Jun 19	France	L 2-3	Saint-Etienne	EC
Sep 12	Scotland	L 1-6	Hampden	
Sep 29	Bulgaria	D 0-0	Belgrade	WC
Oct 20	E. G'many	W 3-2	Leipzig	WC

South American

URUGUAY PICK OF THE BUNCH

LITTLE Uruguay's national team looked like the strongest in South America during 1984 . . . And not only because they were the only country to beat England on their three-match South American tour in June.

They were also clear victors over neighbours Argentina and Peru in home and away games during the year and were only beaten 1-0 away by Brazil, while in their last international Mexico spoilt their home record of three wins with no goals against by drawing 1-1 in October.

The majority of South American countries were not however particularly active during the year, while Bolivia, Venezuela and Paraguay did not play any full internationals at all.

The other seven countries played only a total of 32 matches with Argentina engaged in almost half of them and also being the only country to venture abroad for the Nehru Cup in Calcutta and a three-match European tour. While they won these three tour games, it must be taken into account that their rivals were Switzerland, never a soccer power, Belgium, whose national team had been badly hit by suspensions following the bribes scandal and West Germany, reorganising in their first game under a new manager.

England were the only foreign country to play on the continent and after beating a poor and badly preapred Brazil 2-0, they hardly impressed in going down by the same score to Uruguay and then drawing 0-0 with a below-strength Chilean team preparing for the Olympics.

Accurate ranking

A 1-0 home win for Chile over the Mexicans (who suffered the only defeat of their South American tour in full internationals there) puts them on top of the table (published hereby) on percentage of points gained which, based on two games (both at home) and one goal scored, is of course ridiculous.

A more accurate ranking of proficiency of the seven South American countries active this year would be: 1. Uruguay; 2. Argentina-Brazil; 4. Chile-Colombia; 6. Ecuador; 7. Peru.

Brazil had an unusually quiet year, playing only three games at home to mark their FA's 75th anniversary as a result of FIFA not giving them authorisation to organize a special international tournament at the same time as the European Championship finals.

They picked the strongest opposition available on the continent — tourists England, Uruguay and Argentina — but their 1-1-1 record hardly satisfied their own supporters although virtually all of Brazil's national team of a short time ago are now unavailable abroad.

The same, of course, can be said for Argentina and Uruguay. Uruguay did field three players with clubs in other South American countries, but they reckon they have an entire national team in exile which could beat the one at home.

Review of 1984 by Eric Weil

Uruguay's team which beat England in Montevideo. Back: Rodriguez, Gutierrez, Acevedo, Montelongo, Martinez, Bossio, Cabrera. Front: Aguilera, Carrasco, Acosta, Perdomo.

SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONAL TEAM RECORDS 1984

	Home						Away					Total					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	%
Chile	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	75
Uruguay	7	3	1	0	6	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	1	9	3	71
Argentina	12	0	2	0	1	1	4	3	3	10	6	4	5	3	11	7	54
Colombia	6	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	50
Brazil	3	1	1	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	2	50
Ecuador	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	1	4	5	–	3	1	4	5	37.5
Peru	5	–	1	2	2	6	–	1	1	1	3	–	2	3	3	9	20

(Bolivia, Venezuela and Paraguay did not play full internationals during 1984.)

CENTRAL ESPAÑOL, the surprise winners of the Uruguayan first division in their first season after gaining promotion, have not been able to maintain form.

The season's second tournament — the Colombes Cup between the top six — was won by Peñarol.

At press time the six teams which had obtained most points in both tournaments were playing the final "Liguilla" to decide the country's representatives in the Libertadores Cup by a system which adds points obtained in this tournament to those from the other two tournaments of the season. Peñarol were top after four rounds, a point in front of Bella Vista and two in front of Nacional whom they beat 2-0 in the classic.

Peñarol: Fernandez, Montelongo, Rotti, Gutierrez, Batista, Saralegui, Bossio, Zalazar, Revetria, Morena, Rodriguez.

Nacional: Sosa, Moreira, Ferrari, Aguirregaray, Furtembach, Luzardo, Graniolati, Perdomo, Aguilera, Olivera (Dardo Perez), Gomez (Castagnero).

January
India 0 Argentina 1
Poland 1 Argentina 1
China 1 Argentina 0
El Salvador 0 Colombia 1

February
Peru 1 Honduras 3

June
Brazil 0 England 2
Uruguay 2 England 0
Chile 0 England 0
Brazil 0 Argentina 0
Brazil 1 Uruguay 0

July
Uruguay 1 Argentina 0

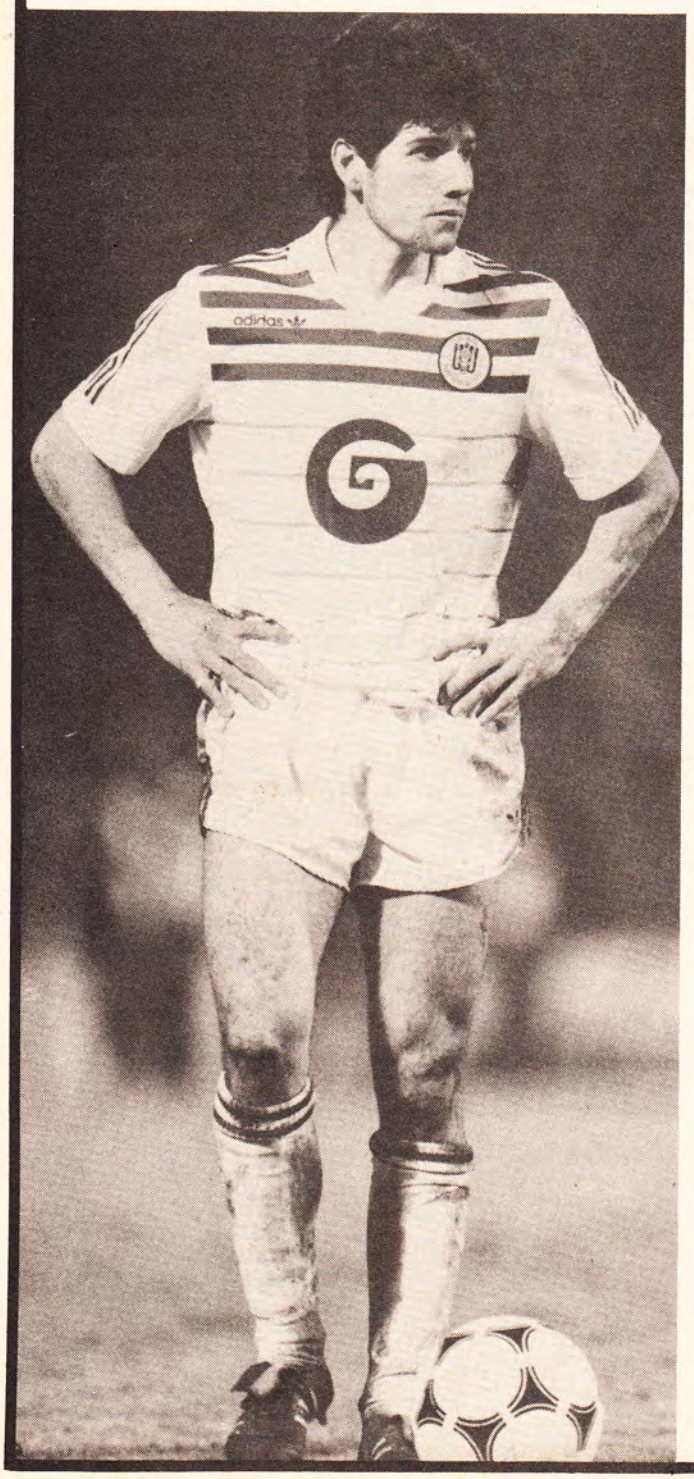
August
Argentina 0 Uruguay 0
Colombia 1 Peru 1
Peru 0 Colombia 0
Colombia 1 Argentina 0

September
Switzerland 0 Argentina 2
Belgium 0 Argentina 2
West Germany 1 Argentina 3
Mexico 1 Argentina 1
Uruguay 2 Peru 0

October
Peru 1 Uruguay 3
Mexico 1 Colombia 0
USA 1 Colombia 0
Argentina 1 Mexico 1
Chile 1 Mexico 0
Uruguay 1 Mexico 1

December
United States 0 Ecuador 0
United states 2 Ecuador 2

SCIFO — NEW KOPA?



VINCENZO SCIFO is not, in many ways, so very different from thousands of other 18-year-olds growing up in Belgium.

He is fascinated by the sight and sounds of a smart sports car and in his spare time he delights in a game of tennis. He is the youngest of three children — he has an elder sister and brother — and still lives at home with his parents.

But, young Enzo also plays football. Very well. And that means not merely to first division in Belgium but on a plane where he may one day match the level of genius attained by the previous great names in his attacking midfield role. Men such as the great Dutchman Johan Cruyff, or Italy's Gianni Rivera, or Michel Platini.

And yet those who would draw comparisons might more aptly do so not between Scifo and Platini, but between Scifo and one of the very greatest French players of another era: Raymond Kopa.

Kopa starred with Reims, Real Madrid of Spain and then Reims again in the 1950s, and also inspired France to third place in the 1958 World Cup. He had been born in France, but his parents were Polish, his father a miner who had crossed Europe to the west, looking for work down among the coal seams.

It was seeing the reality of life below ground which turned Kopa against mining and fired his determination to earn a living in the sun.

Just so with Scifo. Though in his case his parents are Italian. His father, Agostini is Sicilian. In 1957 he turned his back on the small town of Aragona on the south-west of the island, some 80 miles from Palermo, and headed for Belgium.

He had been told there was work to be found. There was — in the mines. But there, in La Louviere some 35 miles from Brussels, Agostino also found a wife. Alfonsina was the daughter of a family from the same, Agrigenta, region of Sicily. They married and raised a family on his miner's pay. Then came the first child, a girl, Angelina, followed by a son Giuseppe — but known to everyone then and now as Pino . . .

And finally, on February 19, 1966, Enzo was born, at the village of Haine Saint Paul. Born in Belgium he may have been, but from childhood young Enzo was bitten as deeply as any starry-eyed Italian boy by a love of football. Brother Pino already played in the youth sections of the La Louviere club. So Enzo joined too — aged seven.

As he learned about football so, by keeping his ears open, he learned about life.

Scifo now recalls: "I soon realised that football was about the only talent I had which offered a better life than that of my father. I used to see him come home from the mine every night and he'd tell us about his day and about what sounded like hell — the mud, the dirt, the danger, and working on your knees buried away from the sun and the sky."

Nothing should come before football, for Enzo. Later he would drop his accountancy studies at a crucial point — preferring to gamble on the chance offered by a professional contract with Anderlecht. But that comes much further on in the story.

At La Louviere Scifo was "spotted". The man with his eyes open for youthful talent was Jef Jurion. Captain of Belgium and Anderlecht in the early 1960s, Jurion had been an outstanding midfield player. Later bribery and "black money" scandals would shatter his image. But they couldn't undermine his football judgment.

Jurion told his directors: "We have a remarkable little teenager coming through. His name is Enzo Scifo and though he's not much bigger than a blade of grass he has a great natural talent."

Statistics proved the point. In four seasons with the juniors Scifo ran up a staggering 432 goals. But then, the sons of Italian immigrants had to show an extra level of ability to defy some of the Belgian jealousy which restricted their chances. In more reflective moments Scifo has wondered aloud whether it wasn't prejudice which destroyed the dreams of brother Pino and close friends Salvatore Chiarelli and Silvino Marinelli. All of them played in the La Louviere juniors. None of them made the grade.

Enzo's teenage precocity could not be ignored, however. Particularly after he starred, at the age of 15, in a youth tournament in West Berlin. Among football circles his fame was spreading. So, at 16, La Louviere found a deputation from Anderlecht on the doorstep. They had come for Scifo.

The Brussels club spent £15,000 and immediately implemented their takeover of the player by sweeping him away to the capital.

That was not a clever move. Scifo didn't like Brussels. Or rather, he didn't like the size of it and quickly grew homesick. He recalls: "I missed all my family badly, and my mother in particular. I'd go home at the weekend and spend half the time worrying about going back to Brussels."

by Keir Radnedge

Depression didn't suit his game so Anderlecht relented. Scifo could live at home and, before he was able to drive, his father ferried him to training early each morning.

His form improved and, at the start of the 1982-83 season, Scifo was told he might get a couple of first team competitive games. Yugoslav Tomislav Ivic was then the coach and Scifo was kept waiting . . . until in the autumn of 1982, Ivic was sacked and replaced by Paul Van Himst — formerly Belgium's greatest-ever player and most recently youth coach to Anderlecht.

And to Scifo.

Van Himst well knew Scifo's talent and was determined to protect him. In the spring of 1983 Scifo was in the Anderlecht party who travelled to his parents' home country of Italy to play in a minor four-team tournament. Ludo Coeck, then Anderlecht's midfield general, recalls: "Enzo came for the experience. He was on the bench most of the time. But when he did play you didn't need a degree to see that he had what it takes."

That amounted to two brief appearances as a substitute. The first came at the start of the 1983-84 season when Scifo was sent on against Beerschut to play out the last half-hour; the second provided a European debut as replacement for Kenneth Brylle against the Norwegian part-timers Bryne.

"He's good," admitted skipper and fellow midfielder Frankie Vercauteren. "But he tries to do too much on his own. In football terms he still has a lot of growing up to do."

But then Scifo was still only 17 when, on Friday, December 16, 1983, Van Himst decided he had earned the chance to start his first league match, against Waterschei. There was a 19,000 crowd in the Parc Astrid to see the game and for much of the time they were extremely restless. Anderlecht failed to take control at all in the first half and went a goal behind (to Vliegen) in the tenth minute of the second half.

One minute later and Scifo struck back with a fine equaliser. That goal provided an injection of confidence for both player and team. In the last 10 minutes, with Scifo at the heart of a revival, Anderlecht scored three times. Goals from Alex Czerniatynski (80th and 89th minutes) and Erwin Vandenbergh (85) sealed a runaway victory.

Van Himst said afterwards: "If he goes on like that he can be another Lozano."

An interesting idea . . . Juan Lozano was the son of Spanish immigrants to Belgium who grew up into a fine midfield player with Antwerp and later Anderlecht. He was instrumental in their UEFA Cup triumph in 1983 and then transferred to Spain to play for Real Madrid. His departure had left a gap in the Anderlecht midfield. And now here, apparently, was another Latin émigré's son to fill that vacancy.

Scifo's arrival on the fringe of the first team had not gone unremarked in Italy. After his successful appearance against Waterschei, Scifo was the subject of a letter which landed one day on the desk of Franco Previtali, general manager of Italian second division club Atalanta.

The letter was from an old friend, a former Atalanta player who now lived in Belgium. Previtali was invited to spend a few days in Belgium and take a look at an "Italian boy" with Anderlecht.

Previtali put the invitation to one side and didn't give it another thought until the start of February. Later he would bitterly regret the delay. For, when he went to Brussels to watch Scifo in action, he was very impressed. Previtali says: "He reminded me so much of Gianni Rivera — with greater potential. A star in the making."

He was sufficiently convinced to seek out Scifo senior and talk about the possibility of a transfer. He knew he couldn't expect Scifo to move if Atalanta remained in the second division, so he suggested that, if his club gained promotion, then in return for Scifo's signature, Atalanta would take the entire family to live in Italy.

If, that is, Anderlecht could also be persuaded, for Scifo had a contract which ran until 1986.

Previtali recalls now: "A pity. We had nothing written down. Just verbal promises. Just think — if I'd gone a couple of weeks earlier I'm sure I could have tied up a deal for around £30,000. But almost as soon as I went to Belgium, he just took off."

The international launching pad was Anderlecht's UEFA Cup quarter-final against Spartak Moscow. Scifo played a key role in the home leg, which Anderlecht won 4-2. Later the Italian match referee, Paolo Bergamo, said: "He played as if he were from another planet. You know a referee concentrates so hard on running the game he rarely notices the players' performances. But Scifo's ability, you couldn't miss."

In the return, played in Tbilisi because Moscow was ice-bound, Scifo came in as a late replacement for the injured Vercauteren and was again one of Anderlecht's best players in a rearguard action which hinged eventually on a penalty save by goalkeeper Jacques Munaron. Anderlecht lost 1-0 but won 4-3 on aggregate to earn a semi-final against Nottingham Forest.

Anderlecht lost 2-0 at the City Ground then recovered to win 3-0 in Brussels. Scifo was sensational — scoring their first goal with a low skimming drive which surprised Hans Van Breukelen in goal, and forcing the goalkeeper to a couple of fine saves with the power of his shooting from the edge of the penalty box.

The reports which sped around Europe of this potential new superstar were received with greatest interest at Inter Milan. For a couple of months new president Ernesto Pallegrini had been receiving dozens of letters from emigrant fans in Belgium alerting him to Scifo's ability — and the Italian connection.

At Easter, Inter had sent veteran youth coach and former international Arcadio Venturi to take a look at him. Venturi was full of praise and, if Inter wanted Scifo, then they had a slight time advantage with the groundwork thus prepared.

Scifo was now attracting enormous publicity. Italian newspapers had made him headline news and devoted full-page features to him. Again and again he was quoted as saying that his great dream was to play for an Italian club and then for the national team. That was why he would retain his Italian parental qualifications and had never thought of taking up Belgian citizenship.

Such patriotic sentiments appealed to the fans in faraway Italy. But behind the scenes other factors were at work.

First, Anderlecht were pressing Scifo to sign a new five-year contract on vastly improved terms. Anderlecht were also mindful of the national interest. So all they asked in return — with the blessing of the Belgian federation — was Scifo's signature on both the basic contract and to a clause agreeing to take out Belgian citizenship. In the long-term he could prove a priceless national team asset; in the short-term there might yet be time for him to acquire citizenship to play in Belgium's patched-up team at the finals of the European championship.

The second factor was that, despite all the publicity — television had carried Scifo's goal against Forest right round Europe — there had been no contact from Enzo Bearzot or the Italian federation inquiring about Scifo's willingness to play for Italy.

Thirdly, despite all the wild talk about transfers to Italy, no official approaches had been made with the Italian deadline approaching. First thoughts that Scifo would be able ignore any forthcoming ban on foreign signings were dispelled when the rule was studied. This prohibits the signing of players from "under the jurisdiction of another federation." Scifo would thus have to transfer now or wait several years. And which clubs were prepared to gamble on an 18-year-old, however vast his potential?

Scifo's future was the subject of more concern than his football. Events were now moving fast.

On May 9 Scifo played for Anderlecht in the 1-1 draw against Tottenham in the first (Brussels) leg of the UEFA Cup Final. On May 17 he announced, in an interview on Belgian television, that he had decided to seek Belgian citizenship. The next day, May 18, he signed that binding two-way contract with Anderlecht. On May 22 he was voted runner-up to Jan Ceulemans in the Belgian Footballer of the Year poll, and on May 23 he was playing against Tottenham again — this time in the UEFA Cup Final return in London which Anderlecht lost 4-3 on penalties.

Gambling that there would be no last-minute hitches, the federation duly named Scifo in their squad for France. Then they obtained special permission from FIFA — given the unique circumstances — to play Scifo against Hungary in a warm-up friendly.

Ironically, as he prepared to take the international stage with such success in the European finals, so, back home in La Louviere, frantic efforts were being made to stave off bankruptcy at the club who had once sold this now highly-priced teenager for a "mere" £15,000.

The rest, as they say, is history . . . and for Scifo, if not his old club a future, never mind Madrid in the UEFA Cup of immense promise.

Scifo played against Hungary and in all three of Belgium's matches in the first round of the European finals. He was brilliant in the 2-0 win over Yugoslavia, anonymous — and substituted — in the 5-0 defeat by France and a bit of a mixture in the 3-2 defeat by Denmark.

from ERIC WEIL in South America

MARADONA 'OLD BOYS' WIN TITLE

ARGENTINOS JUNIORS, the little club whose luck changed when they discovered Diego Maradona in 1974 — first when he played for them and then with the proceeds of his transfer — finally won their first major title, the Argentine first division championship . . . and deservedly, although at press-time the FA's disciplinary committee still had the final word.

Argentinos had bought virtually an entire team on the proceeds of Maradona's sale in 1982 and they chose players with more wisdom than other clubs — as for example one of their leading stars, Commisso, who had been given a free transfer by River Plate in 1982. The results were seen this season when they played easily the most attractive attacking soccer, scoring easily more goals — 69 in 36 games — than second highest scorers Talleres Córdoba's 56.

Independiente, the new world champions playing a similar type of game and possibly with a stronger playing staff, could have been serious rivals, but they dedicated their best to winning the South American club championship and often played reserve teams in the league. So it was left to Estudiantes de La Plata and FC Oeste, two defensive minded teams basing their main strength on tactics and team work, to provide the main challenge and the three fought for top place all through the season.

Estudiantes built up a big early lead in spite of also being engaged in the Libertadores Cup at the same time and they stayed top until past the half-way stage, but they tired out although dropping only three points from draws at home in the championship. As their coach, Eduardo Manera, said: "Estudiantes has played 175 matches in the last two years without a proper holiday and if they go on like this they will be fighting to get away from the bottom of the table next year."

FC Oeste had been suffering from lack of goal-scoring power all season with Marcico their only danger man in front. They were unbeaten in their last six games, never scoring more than one goal a game, but it was not enough. On the last day, however, all three still had a chance, but while joint first FC Oeste had to visit Estudiantes (who were two points back), the other leaders, Argentinos, faced uncommitted Temperley at home.

FC Oeste tried desperately to spoil Estudiantes' home record, but their lack of punch let them down again while an uncharacteristically silly mistake cost them a goal and they had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw, while Argentinos Juniors, though unable to show their fluent attacking soccer against a hard-marking Temperley, nevertheless got a penalty, converted by former World Cup defender Olguin, to win 1-0.

As has happened at the end of every championship in Argentina in recent years, however, celebrating fans could not wait for the match to end and broke into the field with four minutes to go. The disciplinary committee was due to decide on the matter, but in previous similar cases they have always allowed the result to stand.

With three weeks to go Independiente almost caused another scandal. While beating England's Liverpool for the Europe-South America Cup in Tokyo they fielded less than a reserve team in the league at home against title candidates Estudiantes and lost 2-1. A week later they were going to play FC Oeste with reserves also as they were due to play a friendly in Hong Kong, but they came back the day before and fielded a full team to draw 0-0. Argentinos Juniors would have had a right to complain if they had not won the title.

Roberto Saporiti, coach of the new champions, said: "Our way to the title was to attack whenever we had the ball and all fight for it when we lost possession, but never go out with the object of defending." He also said he dedicated the success "to the few friends I have in soccer circles, one of them being (former World Cup coach) Menotti to whom I owe a lot."

Relegation, based on points obtained over the last three seasons, was suffered by Rosario Central and Atlanta and it was much of their own doing. Atlanta changed their coaching staff three times during the season and in the end the players did not know whether they were coming or going. They plunged into the relegation zone in the final months when they failed to win any of their last nine games. Central, meanwhile, had seven coaches over the last two seasons and transferred seven leading players without replacing them.

Popular Boca Juniors also finished near the bottom, but were seldom out of the news. The $4m-debt-riddled club finally gave up and asked for government intervention. A government interventor is now trying to put the house in order. He has said all the players are for sale for badly-needed cash and that only 22 professionals will have their contracts renewed. The badly-managed club has 54, some of whom never saw first team action.

River Plate's Uruguayan midfielder and star, Francescoli, finished as first division top scorer with 24 goals (nine penalties) and, including the season's national championship, he took top spot with Argentinos Juniors' dangerous striker Pasculli on 30 goals.

Once again the championship, in which an average of 2.3 goals per game were scored, showed "curious" statistics . . . 183 players were sent off in the 342 games, but 106 were from away teams and only 77 from home teams and 110 penalties were awarded (85 converted, 20 saved, five missed), but 71 to home teams and only 39 to away teams.

Celebrating Argentinos' fans carry top scorer Pedro Pasculli shoulder high to celebrate their success.

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VASCO DA GAMA won the second stage of the Rio (Carioca) Championship to qualify for the final round. First stage winners Flamengo had a chance, but lost it on the final day when losing 2-1 to eternal rivals Fluminense — a vital result which put the latter into the final round also by virtue of having picked up most points in both stages.

Title holders Fluminense started the final round with a 2-0 win over Vasco and the latter were eliminated three days later when losing 1-0 to Flamengo. This left classic rivals "Fla" and "Flu" to decide the title once again in front of 155,000 fans at Rio's Maracana stadium where two foreigners were the stars.

Flamengo's Argentine World Cup goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol saved his team time and time again when Fluminense were well on top in the first half and again towards the end of the game and he was only beaten 15 minutes from the end when, unprotected in a fast counter-attack, he failed to hold a header from Assis. For winners Fluminense, Paraguayan midfielder Romero ("Romerito") was the star and instigator of the majority of their attacks. It was a sad reflection on the exodus to Italy of Brazilian stars, specially for Flamengo followers whose team has never been the same since midfielder Zico left.

Fluminense: Paulo Vitor, Aldo, Duilio, Vica, Renato, Leomir, Assis, Romero, Washington, Rene, Tato.

Flamengo: Fillol, Jorginho, Lenadro, Mozer, Adalberto, Andrade, Elder, Tita, Bebeto, Nunes, Adilio.

For Flamengo more sorrow was to come. A few days later their defender, Claudio Figueiredo, who had been kept out of the final by inquiry, was killed in a private plane crash.

In São Paulo, meanwhile, Santos clinched the São Paulo State title with a 1-0 win over defending champions Corinthians at the Morumbi stadium in São Paulo where 1,000 police were on duty outside the stadium and another 400 inside to keep rival fans apart . . . and a Brazilian, World Cup striker Serginho who was not a success in Spain in 1982, became the toast when he scored the only goal 18 minutes from time. Corinthians would have needed a win to retain the title.

In other state leagues, Internacionale de Porto Alegre won the Rio Grande ("Gaucho") title for the fourth straight year and Bahia did it for the third time running in the Bahia state league, but in Minas Gerais the destination of the title was still pending. Cruzeiro and Atletico Mineiro, winners of the two stages of the tournament, clashed in final games with Cruzeiro winning the first leg 4-0 and then losing 1-0 and there was confusion over rules whether Cruzeiro wins the title on goals aggregate or whether a third match had to be played.

Significant was the fall in gates all over the country, but specially in the main centres where the exodus of stars to Italy must have had a lot to do with it.

Jorge Olguin beats Temperley goalkeeper Casse from the penalty spot to bring Argentinos Juniors their 1-0 victory — and the league title — in the last match of the season.

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AMERICA, from Cali, won the Colombian championship for the third year running, but it was a hard plod all the way in the eight-team final round which they only won in the end by virtue of two bonus points they had obtained by winning both the season's regular championships.

Bonus points apart, Bogota's Millionarios, Colombia's leading title winners, would have shared top place to produce a play-off.

With one game to go Millionarios led by a quarter bonus point, but they lost 1-0 to Junior (Barranquilla) in the last match while America beat Nacional (Medellin) by the same score. Fittingly Peruvian Guillermo La Rosa scored the goal as he had been the team's outstanding striker, well backed by two other foreign stars, compatriot Cesar Cueto and Paraguayan Juan Manuel Bataglia, the team's leading scorer. During the season America scored 102 goals (with 55 against), but in this final round goals were at a premium with only an average of 1.75 per game.

America and Millionarios were well ahead of the rest in the final standings and will represent Colombia in this year's Libertadores Cup and unusual is the fact that both teams are coached by Colombians and not foreigners — America by Gabriel Ochoa Uribe, who is also the new national team coach, and Millionarios by Jorge Luis Pinto.

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UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA won the 1984 Chilean first division which for once finished before the end of the year although a record 26 teams played in the division divided into two sections from which the top two of each entered a final round.

Defending champions Colo Colo failed to make it and their continued financial problems had a lot to do with this as players, continually worried over non-payment, did not give of their best.

Colo Colo led the north section until the final weeks when they had more player problems and on the last day their only chance was to take second place from recently promoted and well-off Cobresal on goals. Colo Colo beat San Luis 8-1 for the season's record score, but it was not enough as Cobresal won 1-0 and Cobreloa won the section by three points. Universidad Catolica and Union Española had made sure of final round places from the south section a week earlier.

Eight teams — all minor ones — are relegated to reduce the size of the first division to 20 clubs, while Union Calera and Deportes Concepción return to the first.

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR URUGUAY?

ERIC WEIL reports on the World Cup preparations of Uruguay, Ecuador and hosts Mexico

URUGUAY are South American champions — a title they won by beating Brazil in the final in 1983 — and last year still had the best record among South American teams.

So the double World Cup winners (1930 and 1950) hope that they will not be absent from the World Cup finals for the third time running in Mexico next year.

Yet national team coach Omar Borrás says he could form four national selections as good as he has at home from the numerous Uruguayan players with foreign clubs. He may be stretching a point, but on the other hand he wants to prove it. The 25-man squad with which he expected to start training in January for World Cup qualifying games against Chile and Ecuador in March and April includes a full team (11) of players under contract to foreign clubs.

They are goalkeepers Rodolfo Rodriguez (with Santos in Brazil) and Fernando Alves (Paraguay), Victor Diogo and Dario Pereira (Brazil), Venancio Ramos (France), Wilmar Cabrera (Spain), Amaro Vidal (Colombia), Jorge Da Silva (Spain), Enzo Francescoli (Argentina), Sergio Santini (Colombia) and Luis Acosta (Mexico).

Experience

The squad is completed with home-based players José Luis Sosa (goal), Nelson Gutierrez, José Russo, Cesar Vega, Eduardo Avecedo, Nestor Montelongo, Miguel Bossio, Ricardo Perdomo, Daniel Martinez, José Batista, Carlos Aguilera, Jorge Barrios, Mario Saralegui and José Salazar with the majority from Peñarol, followed by Nacional and Defensor, but curiously no representatives from current humble first division champions Central Español.

It is true that quite a number of experienced internationals have been dropped and there are many more who could have been called up from abroad, but the above-mentioned sqaud nevertheless has experience and, as England found to their cost when they lost the only match of their South American tour against them last year (2-0), they are a workmanlike team, perhaps not specially skilful on the ball, but certainly no "easy meat" for anyone.

Perhaps one of the stars of the team will be Enzo Francescoli, the lanky attacking half who plays for River Plate in Argentina where he was not only one of the first division's outstanding players, but also the league's leading scorer. Another could be the speedy Carlos Aguilera, second highest scorer in the last Uruguayan first division championship.

Both players are in their early 20s and still improving.

Francescoli, like quite a number of Uruguayan players abroad, has a clause in his club contract stating that he must be available for his country's national team 90 days before the first World Cup qualifying match.

Culture

Coach Borras gave an insight of the kind of team he may prepare when he described the kind of player he wanted in it. "He doesn't need a lot of culture, but he must be intelligent, temperamental, with fighting spirit and mentally alert . . . and he must not be individualistic either on the field or off it. Physically he must be not less than 1m.80 tall with enough kilos to make his weight felt on the field, strong and with a hard shot, but he need not necessarily be a good dribbler."

Borras has it all mapped out right down to the players' sexual activity. He is more worried about those who are not married, but says he will soon notice it if they abuse. And although he is bringing back 14 players from abroad for his squad of 25 — three of them from European clubs — he is worried that the amount of money they get paid elsewhere will make them look after themselves more rather than give their all in the light blue national shirt.

Uruguay are favourites to win their World Cup qualifying group, but for the majority of the players it will just be a stepping-stone towards getting a foreign club interested in their services. Sadly there is no future for them at home where gates are low and most clubs can hardly pay their players.

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ECUADOR, generally the poor relations of South American soccer and not taken seriously as competitors for honours, tend to have two things going for them — their country's altitude in home games (which has always been a factor) and their forming the basis of their national team from one club, Nacional, the only one which fields only home-born players and has been champion for the last three seasons.

Both advantages are obvious and the Ecuadorian FA can only be thankful for the policy of Nacional, a club sponsored by the armed forces, in a country where soccer is on a sounder financial basis than in many other South American countries with fairly big gates which permit clubs to import foreign players which is often a disadvantage for the national squad. In spite of this, Ecuador has never been a power on the international scene, but more efforts than before are being made to change this.

Ecuador are a country which rarely, if ever, plays international games outside the World Cup qualifying tournament and the South American Championship, apart from perhaps a couple of warm-up games just before, so that they never had a stable national team. With Nacional forming the basis of the squad, this was perhaps not necessary, but they still lacked regular international experience.

Ecuador's officials woke up to the fact that they had the makings of a competitive team when it held Argentina to 2-2 draws both home and away in the 1983 South American Championship. A good performance in the South American Olympic qualifying tournament followed at the beginning of last year. So officials immediately started thinking about World Cup preparations and arranged a tour to Europe — the first in living memory — to play Spain, Italy and Yugoslavia in May and June last year.

This fell through because, coming during the domestic league championship, several clubs did not want to release their players while Nacional, eight of whose players had been picked, would only agree to release four. The idea of sending Nacional instead of the national team was considered, but finally dropped for financial reasons.

Outplayed

But as soon as the local championship was over, a squad was called up for World Cup preparations by national team coach "Antoninho" Antonio Ferreira, a Brazilian, which is:

Goal — Pedro Latino, Israel Rodriguez; Backs — Flavio Perlaza, Orly Klinger, Holger Quiñones, Hans Maldonado, Luis Capurro, Luis, Preciado, Elias De Negri; Midfielders — Marcelo Hurtado, Jose Villafuerte, Hamilton Cuvi, Carlos Torres Garces; Forwards — Fernando Balderon, Lupo Quiñones, Ermen Benitez, Jose Moreno, Vinicio Ron. (Standbyes: Goalkeeper Patricio Gallardo and Carlo Ron, Fausto Klinger, Tyrone Castro, Jose Moreno, Carlos Calderon.)

With their first World Cup qualifying match against Chile on March 3, preparation is longer than ever and, with the local season over, the team also went on tour to draw twice with the United States (2-2, 0-0) and lose 3-2 to Mexico (who had put up some promising performances both in Europe and South America last year) before finishing with a 0-0 draw against Honduras in which Ecuador, outplayed for long periods, did not show up too well.

With Ecuador also meeting Uruguay in their World Cup qualifying group, their chances of reaching the World Cup finals appear slim, but Ecuador should be more competitive than ever and will have to be watched.

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MEXICO have taken part in eight of the 12 World Cup finals, but have never put up outstanding performances. Their record in 24 games played in the finals is only three won, four drawn and 17 lost, but that the Mexican FA really want to change all this when they stage the finals in 1986 was again brought home by their recent announcement that for the first time national team players will be concentrated for a full year before the event to dedicate themselves exclusively to the World Cup.

This means that the players picked will not be able to play for their clubs during next season (1985/6). At first there was an idea of entering the national team — which will get together on June 15 — as a "club" in the next first division championship, but this was dropped as the team is expected to play numerous international matches.

During last year's national team tour of Europe and America it was arranged with all rivals to play in Mexico before the World Cup and numerous other national teams will also be anxious to play in Mexico as a World Cup "warm-up".

Inspection

Also earlier than ever has been the start of ticket sales. The first lot of 263,000 tickets went on sale at various banks in Mexico on December 18 at prices between $9 and $677 and they can be paid in instalments. Actually what buyers are getting are certificates to be exchanged for series of tickets between March and May next year.

The World Cup finals will be played from May 31 to June 29 at 12 stadiums which, the organisers say, will all be completely ready for final inspection at the end of the year. A total of 52 matches will be played as in the last World Cup finals in Spain although under a different playing system and there will be another important change — the last series of games in each group will start at the same time to avoid apparently "fixed" matches such as the West Germany-Austria clash in Spain where a 1-0 win for the former put both countries into the next stage.

Regular season play in the Mexican First Division reached the halfway stage with some teams still having matches pending which were cancelled while their internationals were on tour with the national team — notably UNAM (Universidad Autonoma de Mexico) who, in spite of having played two games less, share the overall lead with Atlas, Universidad de Guadalajara and Cruz Azul. Leading scorer was Jesus Acevedo (Atlas) with 10 goals followed by Brazilian Evanivaldo Castro "Cabinho" with nine.

Neza, trailing in group one, have signed up former Argentine international goalkeeper Miguel Marin as coach to replace Ignacio "Gallo" Jauregui who resigned after two years. Marin, who shone as a player with Cruz Azul in Mexico, had just completed a one-year suspension for attacking a referee.

Fernando Balderon, one of Ecuador's danger men.

OLIMPIA became professional champions of Honduras when they beat defending champions Vida 1-0 with one game to go in the six-team final round.

The only goal came from a penalty converted by their leading scorer, Argentine Juan Doroni, two minutes from the end. The Honduras championship, with 10 clubs, is played with each team playing the other four times followed by a six-team final round between the top-placed teams. Usually the final round winner plays the regular championship winner for the title . . . unless it is the same team as was the case this time with Olimpia.

A Spanish coach, Candido Rosado, has been engaged to prepare the Honduras national team for the World Cup at a reported $2,500 a month. Rosado was assistant coach of Murcia in Spain and he will be assistant to team manager José de la Paz Herrera, better known as Chelato Ucles, who took Honduras to the last World Cup finals in Spain.

Honduras have got through the first round in the Central American zone by knocking out Panama (3-0 and 1-0) and were due to face El Salvador and Surinam in the second stage in March.

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FAS (Futbolistas Asociados Santanecos) won the title in El Salvador with a 2-0 win over Aguila in a rough match in which both teams finished with nine men — three sent off and two players going straight to hospital.

The match was followed by fighting between fans of both teams.

FAS is under an Argentine coach, Juan Cuarterone, and lined up two Argentine players, midfielder Alvarez and striker Cataldo.

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LIGA Deportiva Alajuelense won Costa Rica's 10-team regular season championship (in which clubs meet each other four times) by a point from Deportivo Saprissa and at press a five-team final round is in progress.

In this the Saprissa-San Carlos match was suspended 22 minutes from the end when players and spectators started fighting and an attempt was made to attack the referee. Here, as in Honduras, the final round winner is due to play for the title with regular championship winner Alajuelense.

AGELESS MATTHEWS

WHILE he admits to being "Just a couple of pounds over my playing weight" his claim that; "I retired too early, I could have played a couple more years" is not hard to believe when one looks at a slim and very fit Sir Stanley Matthews as he approaches the age of 70. In fact the man seems ageless, writes COLIN JOSE.

After calling Malta his home for seven years following his departure from the English soccer scene, the former "Wizard of the Dribble" now resides in Canada a country he first visited with the F.A. touring team in 1950 and to which he returned in 1961 to play most of one season with Toronto City in the old Eastern Canada Professional Soccer League.

Matthews makes his home in an apartment overlooking Lake Ontario in the city of Burlington, 34 miles west of Toronto where he will be honoured on the occasion of his 70th birthday on February 1st with a dinner at the Sheraton Centre.

Already former Blackpool team-mates Jackie Mudie and Stan Mortensen along with Danny Blanchflower have accepted invitations to attend and it is hoped that they will be joined by Pele. Mudie and Blanchflower were also team-mates of Matthews in his days with Toronto City.

Sitting in the Hot Stove Lounge at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Canada's most famous ice hockey arena, he reflected on a career which made him a legend in his own time.

He made his first appearance in the Football League for Stoke City in 1932 at the age of 17, his last also for Stoke in 1965 at the age of 50. His Football League career for Stoke and Blackpool covered over 700 games and in the process he won 54 full England caps and 26 of the wartime variety.

Perhaps his most famous game was the F.A. Cup final of 1953 when with Blackpool trailing 3-1 to Bolton Wanderers he turned on the magic late in the game to lead his club to a famous 4-3 triumph. But on a cold December day in Toronto with the hint of snow in the air he talked of the game he played as a guest player for Arsenal against the touring Moscow Dynamo in 1945.

"I was stationed in Blackpool at the time" he recalled and went down to London by train. "It was very foggy when the bus picked us up from our hotel on the day of the game and there were thousands both inside and outside the ground. But you just couldn't see, in fact I kept wondering which direction the goal was in."

Then with a laugh he remembered that in the second half the Arsenal inside right George Drury was sent off for a foul on Dynamo goalkeeper Tiger Khomich, but took advantage of the fog to return to the field saying: "Stan, go back on your wing, I've come back, he told me."

Matthews disputed the theory that he liked to stay on the wing and have the ball played to his feet.

"As time went by," he said, "I was always very closely marked, in fact in some games I hardly touched the ball at all. So eventually I moved more into the middle where I had more room. People always thought I stayed on the wing but later in my career I played more in the midfield."

Nowadays he holds coaching clinics all over the world but notably in Australia, South Africa, the United States and Canada where he says "I like to coach young kids before they get into bad habits."

Cup shocks as usual!

by Paul Parish

THAT most mischievous of competitions, the FA Cup, was up to its tricks when the big clubs joined the hunt for Wembley glory in the third round. Yet, should we really have been surprised by some of the upsets and frights dished out to the aristocrats of First Division football?

After all the league championship has scarcely been the most predictable of competitions this season. And as for the Milk Cup, well, the cream was whipped out at a very early stage.

The FA Cup third round, however, is a very special day in England's soccer calendar. It is, by tradition, the day of surprises when David meets Goliath . . . and often wins.

Take the case of Orient, scrimping and saving money to keep afloat and at the same time struggling against relegation in the Third Division. Now they shouldn't have stood a chance against West Bromwich Albion, freely tipped as potential Cup winners and still on the periphery of the topsy-turvy search for First Division Championship glory.

Orient, geographically buried between the might of Tottenham and West Ham in London's east end, grabbed the headlines with a famous win. And their decisive goal came from teenage Richard Cadette, a young man who was playing non-league football for, of all sides Wembley just a few months ago.

Doncaster, also of the Third Division, were no less impressive in sinking the Queens Park Rangers ship of hope before it had left harbour. Meanwhile London giants Arsenal, Spurs and Chelsea were all suffering their anxious times against supposedly lesser opposition. Arsenal, at Hereford, Spurs at home to Charlton and Chelsea home to Wigan, were all taken to replays. None of them quite knew whether to be embarrased or relieved to be given a second opportunity.

Arsenal, whose championship aspirations have dimmed after a string of poor away results, and a home defeat from arch rivals Spurs, paraded their £50,000 signing Steve Williams at Hereford. Manager Don Howe's persistent chase for the England midfield man eventually paid off as Southampton finally agreed to his offer.

Howe believes that Williams can strengthen Arsenal's squad and make the challenge for first team places that bit keener at Highbury. He has been casting envious eyes across north London where Spurs have such a plethora of talent that they could probably field two sides good enough to stay in the First Division.

Spurs, as result of that win at Arsenal, entered the new year at the top of the First Division, level on points with Everton but with a superior goal difference.

There is now a mounting feeling that these two sides, plus Manchester United and Arsenal will finally dispute the championship and that not even Liverpool, entering 1985 11 points behind the leaders, will make a significant challenge.

Liverpool's comfortable dismissal of Aston Villa in the FA Cup suggests that there is plenty of life left at Anfield and with 57 points still available to them it remains folly to totally dismiss their presence just above midway in the table. However, Liverpool must be considered as serious Cup contenders — the one competition that eluded them under the management of Bob Paisley and subsequently Joe Fagan. They last won the trophy in 1974 when the legendary Bill Shankly was still ruling Merseyside.

The crisis that threatened Southampton's challenge early in December has thankfully ended. The transfer of Williams allowed them to take stock of their resources without hindrance and the return of Mark Wright, after his much publicised fracas with manager Lawrie McMenemy is now just an unsavoury chapter in the history books. Despite it all Southampton started 1985 in sixth place in the First Division and with a handsome 4-0 win over Sunderland in the FA Cup.

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The Football League, of course, boasts of its tremendous strength . . . and not just in the First Division. That was underscored when Oxford United of the Second Division were named as team of the year.

Only a couple of years ago Oxford were struggling for survival. Then the ubiquitous Robert Maxwell arrived on the scene to pump fresh heart, blood and money into the club.

The remarkable Maxwell, at that time head of an enormous printing empire, has done for Oxford what Elton John has achieved at Watford. Subsequently Maxwell has taken over the Mirror Group newspapers to bring his formidable presence into the heart of Fleet Street . . . and made an unsuccessful bid to buy Manchester United!

In the meantime this giant of a man, who crams 36 hours work into every 24 hour day, has also assisted in the salvation of struggling Derby and, with Chelsea chairman Ken Bates, loaned Southend United enough money to overcome a crisis that threatened to see them submerge into the Thames Estuary.

Maxwell, like Elton John, finds time for his football despite the enormous pressures of being a megastar businessman. He also has the acumen to select the right men for the right job and in manager Jim Smith he has a most admired and likeable leader. Smith, previously of Blackburn and Birmingham and always highly regarded, has bought and sold with a wisdom that must earn the admiration of his paymaster.

Oxford, after some super cup exploits last season, won promotion to the Second Division and are now in line for a giant leap straight into Division One.

Teams like Swansea — though they have subsequently fallen from grace — and Watford have trodden this dizzy path to glory in recent years. If, as expected, Oxford achieve their ambition one suspects they will have the formula exactly right to stay in the top flight, even if their little Manor Ground is not exactly everyone's idea of a First Division stadium.

The Oxford story certainly isn't finished but in the meantime Jim Smith must be the manager of 1984. And under the hypnotic influence of Robert Maxwell, 1985 could be even greater.

Information desk

ONCE the publishing rush to bring out football's new titles in good time for the Christmas shoppers is over, the flow of books for review virtually dries up.

Only three books to mention this month and one of those is Danish. It's the equivalent of the successful *Guinness Book of Soccer Facts and Feats* which has been a regular for a few years now in Britain and covers the same sort of ground — albeit from the Danish point of view.

Entitled the **Guinness Fodboldbog 1984-85** this is the second edition of the book edited by *World Soccer* contributor Frits Ahlstrom. Those who have no command of Danish may be interested to know that there is a great deal of statistical material which is easy to follow.

Particularly apposite for *World Soccer* readers may be the section listing all Denmark's footballing exports since Nils Middelboe came to England and played for Chelsea in 1913.

The book is published by Komma, 26 Frederiksborggade, 1360 Copenhagen and details of price, etc., must be obtained direct from them.

One book which appeared to slip through the review net earlier this season is Brian Glanville's **Puffin Book of the World Cup** (Penguin Books, 536 Kings Road, London SW10 0UG; £1.50).

World Soccer columnist Glanville has put his name to plenty of World Cup books over the years but this latest edition still manages a fresh, lively look at the game's greatest competition by avoiding the chronological method and approaching the subject through a series of essays.

Finally a belated mention for **Huddersfield Town: 75 Years On,** a weighty history of the club compiled by George S. Binns (published at £9.99 by Huddersfield Town AFC, Leeds Road, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire).

Club history publications are all the vogue now and Huddersfield have a longer, richer story to tell than many other clubs which have already gone into print. There are plenty of statistics, plenty of pictures and the chapters on the 1920s, when Huddersfield were *the* club, will be of special value to the game's historians.

IN REPLY TO . . .

Ron Hockings, Wembley: The "missing" 1978 Libertadores Cup results will be included in the magazine in the near future.

Derek Pedder, Barking, Essex: The only way to obtain the 1962-78 international results sequences would be through obtaining back numbers from private sales.

H. J. Baker, Rotherhithe, London and other readers: *Guerin Sportivo* is an Italian weekly sports magazine which covers football in detail, with line-ups, statistics, pictures, etc. Write to: Guerin Sportivo, Via dell'Industria 6, 40068 San Lazzaro di Savena (BO). The "Italian Rothmans" is the *Almanacco Illustrato del Calcio,* published by Edizioni Panini, Viale Emilio PO 380, 41100 Modena.

Ian Armstrong, Weston Coyney, Staffs: We are not a photographic sales agency, all our pictures are for magazine use. Your best bet is to contact the Press Association (Picture Sales), Fleet Street, London EC4.

Wolfgang Reysen, Oberndorf, W. Germany: There are no South American football yearbooks of the type available in Europe. The only answer is to ask any friends in South America to scavenge the book shops but that's a very long shot. Also, the South American federations are notoriously poor at replying to inquiries.

Rashid Ahmed Asvat, Johannesburg, S. Africa: The old FIFA magazine was available on subscription but FIFA's publications set-up is currently in a state of some disarray. Write direct for further information to FIFA, FIFA-Haus, Hitziweg 11, 8032 Zurich, Switzerland.

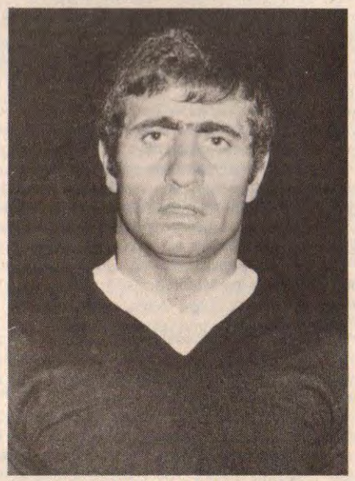
Donal Cullen, Raheny, Dublin: There is no hard and fast rule about what constitutes a full international. Each country tends to make its own standards — that's why some South American players claim large international appearance totals because they also count matches against club sides.

Damian Byrne, Strandhill, co. Sligo, Republic of Ireland: Oryx Douala won the inaugural African Champions' Cup in 1964, beating Stade Malien 2-1 in the final. The Algerian federation address is: 4 rue Emir Abdelkrim El Khattabi, Algiers. The African Football Confederation address is: 5 Shareh Gabalaya Street, Guezira, Cairo. Al Ahly have won the Egyptian league a record 19 times.

A. W. Merret, Brownhills, West Midlands: For further fixtures contact the DFB, Otto-Fleck-Schneise 6, Postfach 710405, 6 Frankfurt, West Germany; and the KNVB, Wounderbergsweg 56, Postbus 515, 3700 Zeist, Holland.

Steve Biasci, London: The magazine *Kicker*'s address is Olympia-Haus, Badstrasse, Nürnberg, West Germany.

Yannis Pikoulis, Brooklyn, New York: The most-capped Greek international is



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generally reckoned to be Mimis Papaioannou (61 caps).

Naveed Ahmad, Singapore: The last major article on Albanian football in *World Soccer* was the June 1983 edition.

J. A. Sanders, Wood Green, London: For such detailed information on the early years of organised football the best place to seek advice is the Association of Football Statisticians, 22 Bretons, Basildon, Essex SS15 5BY.

E. Galvin, New York: The club addresses requested are as follows: Club Atletico Boca Juniors, Brandsen 805, 1161 Buenos Aires; Club Atletico Independiente, Mitre 470, 1870 Avellaneda, Prov. B. Aires; Santos Futebol Clube, rua Princesa Isabel, Vila Belmiro, Santos/Sao Paulo; Napoli SPA, Via Vicinale Paradiso, Soccava, 80126, Naples; Real Madrid, Estadio Bernabeu, Concha Espina, Madrid 16; Club Atletico Penarol, Magallanes/Galicia, Montevideo.

Ilkka Rahunen, Mikkeli, Finland: No publication covers all the European league results in the tabulated form you suggest. *France Football, Guerin Sportivo* and various other weekly magazines list league scores week by week.

Antonello Gallo, Naples, Italy: The address of the *Foot-Sud* magazine is 1 rue Larrey, 75005 Paris, France.

David Sullivan, Bethnal Green, London: Chris Guthrie played eight matches plus one as substitute for Willem II in the Dutch first division in 1982-83.

YOUR VIEW

SIR — Having been confined to bed for the last couple of weeks I have been reading all my old football magazines. I also bought your magazine and I can say I didn't know what I had been missing. This is easily the best magazine I have ever read. I will certainly be ordering your magazine from now on. — **R. Dixon, Bellshill, Scotland.**

★*Back numbers of recent issues can be obtained on request.*

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SIR — One small suggestion for a very informative magazine. In the Classified Results could you please include the country to which a team belongs unless that team is pretty well known. We all know Liverpool. But Ilves Tampere? Sounds like a crack Roman legion but I guess are from Finland. — **L. Stott, Clifton Beach, Queensland.**

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SIR — Re your interesting item in December's issue about Mr Egon Christesen. I was one of this gentleman's victims seven year ago. Having written with regards to his magazine, he sent me a complimentary copy with a letter saying the subscription was £15.30, which I duly sent. I received about five issues then nothing for the rest of the 1977-78 season. During the close season Mr Christesen wrote saying he was sorry I had not received my full compliment of issues as he had had problems with his printing equipment and if I would like to send another £15.30 he would see to it that I got all the copies this time. No way! I wonder how many other people were "done"? — **G. Martin, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.**

★*As we've warned before, steer well clear of Egon Christesen's so-called publications.*

Platini tops European poll

WORLD SOCCER DIARY by Keir Radnedge

ENZO FRANCESCOLI, Theophile Abega and Michel Platini finished on top of international football's New Year honours list.

Platini retained his European Footballer of the Year by a record margin. Only two of the 25 country-by-country judges polled by Paris magazine *France Football* failed to list him as their No. 1. They were the Portuguese and Swiss correspondents — who both placed him as No. 2.

The top Swiss vote went to Jean Tigana, the Portuguese, surprisingly, for Liverpool's Ian Rush.

Platini's domination of the Italian league, the Cup-winners' Cup and the European championship were obvious reasons for his victory ahead of Tigana and then Denmark's Preben Elkjaer.

Similarly in Africa, Cameroon skipper Abega had long been favourite for that award after his country's success in the African championship last spring.

The choice of Francescoli was the most interesting. He came top of the poll organised annually by *El Mundo* of Caracas, Venezuela, despite the absence of competitive football at national team level in South America last year — and despite the fact that his Argentine club, River Plate, have had an unhappy time.

Maybe Francescoli was held to be representative of a revival in Uruguayan football. Certainly he has immense talent and finished as the Argentine first division's leading scorer with 24 goals.

For the first time a US player gained mention. Rick Davis of Cosmos shared 22nd place with two votes.

European Footballer of the Year: 1, Michel Platini (Juventus, Fr) 128 pts. 2, Jean Tigana (Bordeaux, Fr) 57. 3, Preben Elkjaer (Verona, Den) 48. 4, Rush (Liverpool, Wales) 44. 5, Chalana (Bordeaux, Port) 18. 6, Souness (Sampdoria, Scot) 16. 7, Harald Schumacher (Köln, WG) 12. 8, K. H. Rummenigge (Inter, WG) 10. 9, Giresse (Bordeaux, Fr) 9. 10, Robson (Man Utd, Eng) 7. 11, Schuster (Barcelona, WG) 6. 12, Bossis (Nantes, Fr) and Scifo (Anderlecht, Bel) 5. 14, K. Allofs (Köln, WG), Briegel (Verona, WG), Cabrini (Juventus, It) and Jordao (Sporting, Port) 3 each. 18, J. Olsen (Man Utd, Den), M. Olsen (Anderlecht, Den), McStay (Celtic, Scot), Strachan (Man Utd, Scot) 2 each. 22, Dassayev (Spartak Moscow, SU), Hateley (Milan, Eng), Lung (Craiova, Rum), Maceda (Gijon, Sp), Nilsson (IFK, Swe) 1 each.

S. American Footballer of the Year. Top ten: 1, Enzo Francescoli (River Plate of Buenos Aires, Uru) 43 pts. 2, Ubaldo Fillol (Flamengo, Arg) 36. 3, Ricardo Bochini (Independiente, Arg) 25. 4, Rodolfo Rodriguez (Santos, Uru) 20. 5 Ricardo Gareca (Boca Juniors, Arg) and Hugo De Leon (Gremio, Uru) 17 each. 7 Jorge Burruchaga (Independiente, Arg) 13. 8, Alberto Marcico (FC Oeste, Arg) 11, 9, Victor Diogo (Palmeiras, Uru) 8, 10, Fernando Morena (Penarol, Uru) and Eder (Atletico Mineiro, Brz) 7 each.

African Footballer of the Year. Top three: 1, Theophile Abega (Cameroon). 2 equal, Ibrahim Youssef (Egypt) and Antoine Bell (Cameroon).

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CONTROVERSIAL Rumanian exile Marcel Radacanu can, at long last, concentrate on his career in West Germany with Borussia Dortmund.

Three and a half years after his defection to the West, Radacanu has been joined by his wife Nicolina and their five-year-old son, Andre-Philip.

Radacanu's wife was suddenly given permission to travel just before the New Year and they arrived by train in Dortmund for a tearful reception with the player who stayed in West Germany after appearing for Rumania in Dortmund in July, 1981.

A major in the Rumanian army at the time of his defection, Radacanu said: "I had given up hope of seeing my wife and son again. Sometimes I was in such despair that I considered returning to Rumania, though I knew I would almost certainly have been sent to prison."

Radacanu's talent has never been in doubt. But sadly, much of his time with Borussia has been clouded by erratic form and mysterious injuries.

Radacanu has spent a lot of time trying to pull all the strings he could to obtain an exit visa for his wife and son. Now that they are at last with him, perhaps he can rediscover the form at which he has only hinted at in the past couple of seasons.

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IN CHILE things are going from bad to worse. Antonio Martinez, who promised to turn the ruined Chilean game around when elected federation president back in July, has quit in a major finance scandal.

Martinez was held in custody by police for a couple of weeks and now faces trial on bank fraud charges. Miguel Nasur has been elected — reluctantly — in his place and immediately had to find a new national manager.

When Martinez was running the show, terms had been agreed with Argentine-born Vicente Cantatore, the man responsible for the phenomenal rise of the Andean miners' team Cobreloa.

Cantatore, as he had promised, left Cobreloa at the end of the 1984 championship. But with the game in economic ruin he has been unable to obtain a guarantee that the long-term agreed contract with Martinez will be respected. Thus, Cantatore has quit the national team before he has even taken over and Nasur has turned to former boss Pedro Morales as late replacement.

Chile begin their World Cup qualifying bid in Ecuador on March 3.

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MIND YOU, Brazil haven't found a manager yet either. The chances of prising Tele Santana from the Saudi club Al Ahly appear ever more remote.

CBF chief Giulite Coutinho wanted the new man installed in time to run the rule over Brazil's players during the national championship which has just begun. The World Cup squad will then be named on April 16.

But with Saudi champions Al Ahly currently "only" third in the league it seems Santana must stay to see out his contract in March.

Who should take the job instead? Mario Zagalo, World Cup-winning player in 1958 and 1962 and winning manager in 1970, is one favourite. The other is Edu, the Vasco da Gama boss who — apart from being Zico's elder brother — managed Brazil for the unhappy sequence of matches last summer.

Zico, hardly surprisingly, wants Edu. Zico says: "Edu has experienced international football both as a player and as a coach and he comes from a family background where football has been his life ever since he was a child.

"I have a lot of trust in him. He has a strong personality and knows how to prepare a team as well as how to talk to players."

Zico will be freed by his Italian club Udinese to play in the World Cup qualifiers. Torino's Brazilian star, Junior, is not sure of his release. But whether he can play or not, he wants to see Zagalo in charge.

Junior says: "Zagalo's great asset is that he knows how to get a team ready for a World Cup. He knows how to create an attacking team but he also knows how to organise an impregnable defence. For me, he's the ideal choice."

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MOVING north, former Fleet Street journalist Clive Toye — boss of Toronto Blizzard — has been appointed acting president of the North American League. As our correspondent Colin Jose says: "If anyone can put Humpty Dumpty together again it's Toye." As yet the ailing NASL has only four (!) teams: Toronto, Cosmos, Minnesota and Tampa.

Charlotte (N. Carolina), San Jose and Seattle are possible arrivals. So are Detroit, Washington, Houston and Montreal while Vancouver say they will compete if at least seven other teams are guaranteed.

Meanwhile, soccer continues to make enormous progress among the kids — and that is what really matters.

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HAPPY anniversary . . . Nigel Clough, 18-year-old son of Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough, made his League debut for Forest in a 2-0 Boxing Day win over Ipswich. That was precisely 22 years to the day since a serious knee injury ended Brian Clough's career while playing for Sunderland.

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A FINAL solution is on the cards to the eligibility nonsense which has dogged the Olympic football tournament for so long.

FIFA's executive committee are to propose that the only restriction which should apply at the Olympics is an age limit of 23. This would wipe away the unfair bar on those European and South American players with World Cup experience.

Other FIFA decisions: Fiji have been banned from staging home internationals until the end of November because of crowd trouble . . . Lesotho, Niger and Oman have all been fined £3,500 for withdrawing from the World Cup qualifiers . . . Iran and Iraq will not be allowed to stage any home World Cup ties because of the continuing Gulf war . . . Lebanon's wish not to stage home ties has been approved.

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ON THE subject of the World Cup, General Antonio Merlo and Vice-Admiral Carlos Lacoste — president and vice-president of the 1978 World Cup organising committee in Argentina — continue to be the subject of court investigations regarding the cash share-out.

The 1978 World Cup cost a then record £250 million although no proper accounting books were apparently kept. Since then Lacoste, who recently stood down as South America's FIFA delegate, has bought property valued at £200,000.

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ARGENTINA'S ambition of staging a world club championship in 1987 involving 12 of the world's top clubs, has been rejected by FIFA.

Preliminary talks had been held in Tokyo in the wake of Independiente's 1-0 World Club Cup defeat of Liverpool. The Argentine association had hoped to collect £500,000 through TV rights and sponsorship from an American car corporation.

It had been hoped to use the 1978 World Cup venues in Buenos Aires, Rosario, Cordoba and Mar del Plata.

But even before FIFA's negative verdict the format had provoked an outcry in football's Third World. The reason? Top clubs from North and Central America, Africa and Asia would have had to play off for the right to send to the finals . . . just one team.

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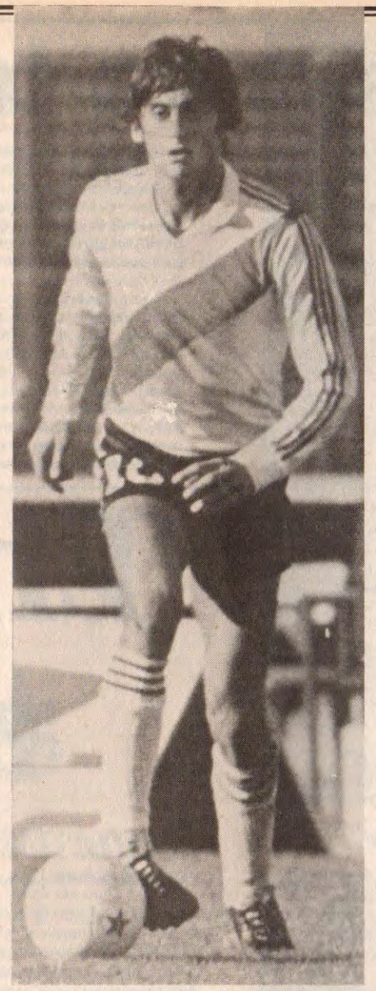
THE Israeli federation thought it would do their youth team good to spend a week at a training centre in West Germany.

But football, it seems, was the last thing on the youngsters' minds. Now, after a commission of inquiry, five players have been banned sine die from any Israeli representative team and three more have been suspended for one year.

Also banned for a year is national youth coach Dror Kashtan.

Their crimes? Shop-lifting from supermarkets, parties and gambling in the players' rooms.

Israel will find it tough rebuilding both the team and moral for the World Youth Cup qualifying tournament this coming month in Australia. But, as a top official said: "Discipline and morale character among young players is far more important than sporting considerations. These punishments should serve as a lesson to everyone."



Enzo Francescoli . . . the new star of Uruguayan football.

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IT'S NO wonder the big Italian clubs can outbid everyone else on the world transfer market. Just consider the following list of record domestic match receipts:

1984-85 UEFA Cup, Inter-Hamburg, £755,000; 1983-84, Champions' Cup, Roma-Liverpool, £665,000; 1983-84 Champions' Cup, Roma-Dundee Utd, £654,000; 1984-85 Italian league, Milan-Internazionale, £628,000; 1984-85 Italian league, Internazionale-Juventus, £624,000.

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EUROPE'S top league scorers: Tychosen (Vejle/Lausanne) and Lipponen (TPs) 24 each; Nielsen (OB) 21; Christensen (Lyngby) and Andreyev (SKA Rostov) 19 each; Lius (Kuuysi Lahti), Polster (FK Austria), Halilhodzic (Nantes) 18 each; Zheludkov (Zenit Leningrad), Juel (Naestved) 17 each; Suhonen (TPs), Gomes (Porto), Ernst (Dynamo Berlin), Zlatko Vujovic (Hajduk Split), Martens (Gent), Czerniatynski (Anderlecht) all 16 each.

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OBITUARY: LESLIE COMPTON, former Arsenal and England centre-half, died aged 72. Compton, brother of one-time England batsman Denis, was no mean cricketer himself and kept wicket for Middlesex when they won the county championship in 1947. As a footballer he joined Arsenal in 1932, retired in 1953 and then spent a further three years at Highbury on the coaching staff before becoming a licensee. Compton appeared at centre-forward in wartime internationals, but his official England debut was made at the record old age of 38 against Wales in 1951. He also played that year against Yugoslavia.

CLAUDIO FIGUEIREDO, Flamengo centre-back when they beat Liverpool to win the World Club Cup in 1981, has been killed in an air crash. Figueiredo, who would have been 24 the next day, was one of five people killed — one of them being Newton Gomez, elder brother of new Flamengo starlet Bebeto. Their aircraft crashed into the Pico Caledonia mountain 130 miles north-east of Rio de Janeiro. Figueiredo was on his way home to Salvador (Bahia) to celebrate his birthday and the New Year. Later it was claimed that the official Ministry maps were incorrect in giving the Caledonia a height of 5,500ft when it is nearer 7,000ft.

KURT AXELSSON, former Sweden centre-back, died after a street accident in Bruges. He was 43, and played 30 times for Sweden between 1966 and 1971 — including all three of Sweden's matches in the finals of the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. Axelsson made his name with GAIS of Gothenburg, making his international debut as substitute against East Germany in Leipzig in April, 1966. A year later he was transferred to Club Brugge and stayed on in Belgium after ending his career with Ostende.

The month ahead

FEBRUARY 1
Friendly intl: Colombia-Switzerland.
FEBRUARY 5
Friendly intl: Rep. Ireland-Italy . . . Queretaro tmt: Mexico-Switzerland.
FEBRUARY 7
Queretaro tmt: Finland-Switzerland.
FEBRUARY 10
WC: Malta-Portugal.
FEBRUARY 14
Friendly intl: Argentina-Bulgaria.
FEBRUARY 21
Friendly intl: Argentina-Poland.
FEBRUARY 23
E21: Portugal-W. Germany.
FEBRUARY 24
WC: Portugal-W. Germany.
FEBRUARY 26
E21: Greece-Albania, Holland-Cyprus, Spain-Scotland.
FEBRUARY 27
WC: Greece-Albania, N. Ireland-England, Holland-Cyprus, Spain-Scotland

The Swiss go to South America

THE SWISS national team are now embarking on a tour of South and Central America to play Colombia in Bogota on February 7, the last two games in Queretaro, **writes ARTHUR ROTMIL.**

The matches in Queretaro are of particular importance since this World Cup venue is sited at 1,853 metres (6,200ft) above sea level.

The squad will stay there for a week. National team manager Paul Wolfisberg who has been given the all clear by the doctors and apparently will remain in office, wanted to kick off the tour with a match in Trinidad on January 30, but the date could not be agreed with the hosts.

Almost immediately these plans had been announced the top clubs protested against their best players being used and at having their preparations for the second half of the season interrupted in this way. Servett's manager Guy Mathez doesn't like the late dates, but after his team was eliminated from the Cup-winners' Cup (by modest Greeks FC Larissa) he decided to take his charges in December to Brazil to avoid the national squad's tourney.

Wolfisberg is adamant that his players must get an early feel of the altitude and conditions in Mexico. He wants to respect the club's wishes but he must also obtain the best possible preparation in view of the special circumstances under which the World Cup finals will be played in Mexico. The Swiss who kicked off in their qualifying group with two wins and top the table, are determined that nothing should stand in the way of getting to the finals for the first time in 20 years.

Apart from Servette the Grasshoppers, who still provide the bulk of international players, are also affected. Team chief Miroslav Blazevic complained: "I may be biased, but the timing of the national squad's visit to the American continent is most unfortunate. Nobody asked my opinion and the whole planning seems to have been done behind my back."

Grasshoppers who were eliminated from the European Cup by Juventus, refrained from official protests and thus Blazevic's complaints remained more muted. But Freddy Rumo, the league president who is also responsible for the national squad, fails to understand the objections of the clubs. He says: "The arrangements and dates of the tour were known well in advance. The programme was included in the list of fixtures for the season. I don't understand what all the fuss is about."

It appears that everybody, the club presidents, coaches and managers, had agreed that the national team will get priority in all planning before the World Cup. The SFV will obviously insist that the clubs must comply with their promises.

The first half of the season confirmed the slump at club level. Attendances dropped by 13 per cent compared to last season, whilst the total number of goals has fallen from 3,433 per match to 3,200. Though still above average in European leagues the figures are nonetheless disturbing.

Servette who are the only team still unbeaten after 15 rounds and boast a five point lead over second placed Aarau, could according to experts "kill off" the title race by a solo run. This would contribute to an even greater slump in interest and gates in the second part of the season which is due to restart on March 2/3.

Marcel Koller of Grasshoppers Zurich.

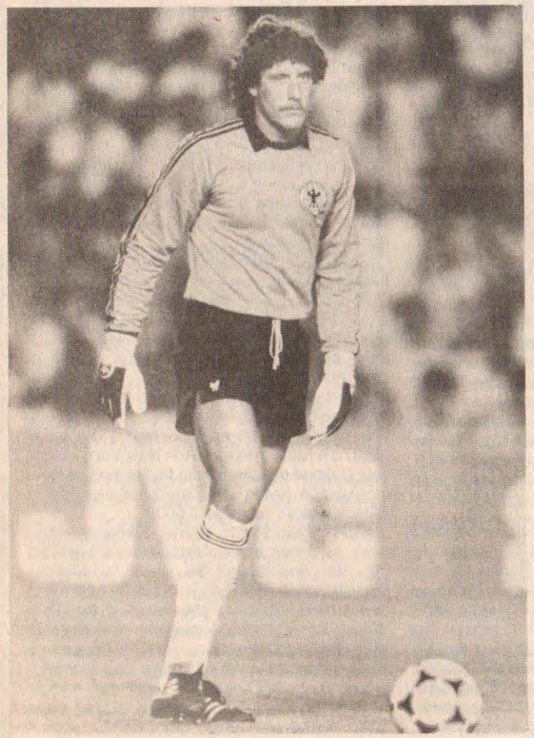
The Germans try indoors

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

THE unusually lengthy winter break persuaded nearly all Bundesliga clubs to try their luck in a series of indoor tournaments. Out of the 18 West German First Division teams only Eintracht Brunswick were not taking part in a tourney which was designed to bridge the gap in league football from just before Christmas until February 1.

Even such former fierce critics of indoor soccer as Eintracht Frankfurt's manager Dietrich Weise was forced to admit: "We have to accept that the fans want indoor games. This is borne out by the enormous spectator figures. And for the players too, it is a welcome and challenging change of scenery."

It appears that many clubs are already budgeting this income from the lucrative competitive matches on artificial pitches under cover. Last season the turnover from indoor games amounted to £500,000, this winter it will have exceeded £750,000. A record programme was on show; between December 21 when the first tournament in Stuttgart had attracted famous foreign sides like Red Star Belgrade and Hungary's national team, and the last event on January 20 in Dortmund there will have been 13 tournaments staged.



Harald Schumacher . . . voted Europe's top goalkeeper in a French poll.

Altogether some 200,000 fans were expected. In addition, top Bundesliga teams took part in foreign indoor tournaments in Basle, Geneva, Zurich and Paris.

On the domestic front the biggest earners were Hamburger SV taking part for the first time they collected £20,000 from Werder Bremen whose arena which holds 11,000 was sold out. An estimated £30,000 from promotion and advertising swelled Bremen's takings before the first ball was kicked. Only Bayern Munich earned more than Hamburg from playing in Basle and Paris.

The tournaments with the greatest tradition are those in Essen, Dortmund and Berlin where they have been playing indoors since 1972. Over 35,000 fans turned out in Berlin where the former national team manager Jupp Derwall led an Istanbul city selection, while other attractive visitors were Hungary's league leaders Videoton.

In Dortmund for the first time two tournaments were held on December 28 and January 20, the latter as a testimonial for the deeply in debt Borussia who are said to be £2 million in the red. Bayern Munich, Schalke and VL Bochum have sent their teams free of charge to help the famous club solve their financial problems.

Where the organisers could not afford attractive top clubs they invited former leading players to form guest teams. In Frankfurt for instance the national team chief Franz Beckenbauer, Overath, Grabowski and Emmerich and other well known 'old boys' have been delighting the fans with their skills on artificial surfaces.

In the Bundesliga the big surprise of the first half of the season was the high ranking of Bayer Uerdingen who share fourth place with Borussia Möchengladbach and have big hopes of a UEFA Cup spot for the first time. The club founded in 1905 are the works team, like Leverkausen, of the world famous pharmaceutical manufacturers Bayer. They were promoted for the first time in 1975 to the Bundesliga but since relegated twice before returning in 1983. Their best placing so far has been 10th last year.

For the current run of success Bayer can thank their new team manager Karl-Heinz Feldkamp (50). He began his active career with Rotweiss Oberhausen where he also became assistant manager. He then managed Wattenscheid, Arminia Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern, Borussia Dortmund and again Bielefeld, before becoming a consultant with Bayer and since July team manager. Shortly before the winter break he injured himself in training and underwent an operation on a torn muscle. He was temporarily replaced by his assistant Bernd Lemann.

Uerdingen's best players are the national team's libero Matthias Herget (29) who now has seven caps. He came to Bayer via Gelsenkirchen, Bochum and Rotweiss Essen. Defender Karl-Heinz Wöhrlin (27) who joined this season from Second Division SC Freiburg was called up to the national squad for the recent World Cup qualifying tie against Malta; he might soon win his first cap. Striker Fiedhelm Funkel (31) who once left the club for Kaiserslautern and is now back, is Bayer's top scorer in all Bundesliga matches, as well as a feared penalty expert

Their two foreigners are the Icelandic international striker Larus Gudmundsson (23) who played 14 times for his country and came via Vikingur Reykiavik and Thor Waterschei (Belgium) and the Englishman Wayne Thomas (26) who played for Peterborough, Nuneaton Borough, Baunatal and Alemannia Aachen before signing for Bayer in 1983. Lately however he has only been a reserve.

Uerdingen who are based in industrial Krefeld have certainly surprised the experts and their own fans. The club who play in the Grotenburg stadium (capacity 26,000) have reached the quarter-finals of the DFB Cup in which they will receive Werder Bremen on February 18.

Next to Bayern Munich (Cup Winners' Cup), 1. FC Köln (Cologne) are the Bundesliga's last remaining representatives in European competition, the UEFA Cup. After a disappointing start to the league campaign the Rhinelanders have improved and moved up to third place.

They seem to have overcome internal squabbles which were apparently caused by the newcomer Jimmy Hartwig (ex Hamburg). After being banned by team manager Hannes Löhr for a fracas with the international winger Pierre Littbarski, the coloured midfielder has been restored to the side. But sweeper Gerd Strack who also became something of a problem boy, has still not settled his differences with the club.

Cologne's national team goalkeeper Harald Schumacher was voted by the French magazine *Onze* into a best 'European XI' for 1984. The other West German players also included in the selection of this prestigious publication were centre back Karl-Heinz Förster and the Italian exiles Hans-Peter Briegel and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Schumacher earned top marks in the German media not only for his marvellous goalkeeping but also for courage. In the away leg of the UEFA Cup to Spartak Moscow he played for an hour with a torn muscle of his middle finger, yet conceded only one goal. Schumacher has been very critical of his team mates who didn't put in a wholehearted effort in their play. His performance was mainly responsible for Cologne surviving the tie.

Kees Bregman (37) the Dutch sweeper with Second Division Fortuna Cologne has been suspended by the disciplinary commission of the DFB for six and a half months. Bregman insulted and acted violently against the referee during the match against Saarbrücken. The player protested because an offside decision was not given, he lifted his shirt and stepped deliberately on the referee's foot.

There have only been two similar cases before. The widely travelled team manager and former international player Timo Konietzka was banned for six months in October 1966 when in the match between Borussia Dortmund and 1860 Munich he hit the referee. In the Second Division South, Peter Spankowski from VR Mannheim attacked the referee after the match against FC Hamburg in 1974. He hit the match official in the kidneys and was also suspended for six months.

It must be said, however, that in recent years the suspensions have not been quite so long. Previously a player sent off faced an almost automatic ban for eight weeks. Nowadays the disciplinary commission examines each case on its merits, so that players who have not been in trouble before can get away with a two-week ban, others can expect anything up to eight weeks, though the case of Bregman was exceptional.

The media came up with the most fitting verdict on the national side's laborious 3-2 win over Malta in their World Cup qualifying tie in La Valetta: "This was a game which must quickly be forgotten". Indeed the West Germans fielding virtually their strongest side (only Hamburg's Magath was missing through injury) made heavy weather of defeating this footballing "dwarf". And they can't put forward the excuse that the pitch was unplayable. The new Ta-Quali stadium has a normal grass surface!

Team chief Franz Beckenbauer again opted for just three defenders, two marking tight and a sweeper between them. In midfield he used four men and up front three stikers. Only after the highly talented Olaf Thon came on as substitute at half time did the Germans put on real pressure on the part-timers.

Ole Qvist . . . on the way out?

QVIST'S QUEST

DENMARK takes a break after a thrilling season . . . JIM HOLDEN reviews the league campaign and STEFFAN TARRAS asks what the future holds for goalkeeper OLE QVIST?

ONE of Europe's leading goalkeepers, Ole Qvist of K.B. Copenhagen is, despite his magnificent performances in France, last summer, in danger of losing his place in Denmark's national team through no fault of his own.

The reason is that Københavns Boldklub were relegated at the end of this past season after just one year in the first division, and national boss Sepp Piontek, has said he won't consider second division players. So far he has kept his promise.

In 1983 Qvist and K.B. were in the second division, and Ole Kjaer of Esbjerg was Piontek's choice.

So what now for Qvist, son of a famous newspaper cartoonist?.

His career with K.B. began back in 1958, at the age of eight. Two year's later he was asked to replace a goalkeeper because of injury and hasn't moved since.

At the end of the 1960s the Italian trainer of K.B., Mario Astori, worked hard on Qvist's weak points before Astori was replaced in 1970 by John Craemer, one of the leading Danish trainers of the day.

He taught Qvist how to deal with the hard side of the game and commitment and these final touches led to his promotion to the first team in 1973. Six years later, in August 1979, he made his first appearance for the national team against Finland in a goalless draw in Mikelli.

Qvist's real profession is as a motorcycle policeman in Copenhagen. But one who surely spends some of his time on duty thinking about the game.

Coming from a team who have lately spent a lot of time in the Danish second division or struggling against relegation from the first, was it hard to adjust for the European championship finals?

"To my astonishment, it was not much faster, more difficult or more demanding than I had imagined but of course I got off with a good start, with my save at Lacombe's feet in the first minute in the opening game against France."

Is the role of the goalkeeper changing?

"Football has become more physical. You have to be very fit to compete now. One of the main reasons is that when I started at top level high balls were dropping down regularly out of the sky. Today they are coming in from all angles, with all kind of different "side" and at all kinds of heights. This means that the challenge in the air is quite hard and the activity in front of you is more intense, because defensive play has changed. Of course goalkeepers are now also more active, playing outside the penalty area and in closer contact with the ball and our defenders."

What is your opinion of the way Toni Schumacher charged Battiston in the semi-final of the World Cup in Spain?

"I would never dream of stopping someone like that. I can defend a professional goalkeeper who stops someone with a professional foul. But never to endanger the opponent's health or his life. When you are an experienced goalkeeper you know what is dangerous and what is not."

Who was the goalkeeper you admired most?

"Gordon Banks."

What do you think of Denmark's chances of reaching Mexico?

"I think we have a very good chance. First, we do not have to win the group, only to come second. This takes away some of the pressure, we can lose a game or two and still get through. Secondly in this group everyone will steal points here and there?

"We have Switzerland and the Soviet Union in our group but that does not worry us. Our players are all experienced professionals and we do not have any feeling of inferiority against any team. When we visit the Soviet Union, of course, we will not be favourites, but this also means we have a fight on our hands and we love that."

How do you rate yourself as a goalkeeper?

"Well, my reflexes have always been OK. I am good on the line and in man-to-man situations. I used to be weak in the air, but I have worked hard on this aspect so honestly I do not feel that I have any major weaknesses now."

Who is the best goalkeeper in the world today?

"Rinat Dassayev of Spartak Moscow."

Vejle Danish champions

ALLAN SIMONSEN's Vejle are the 1984 Danish League champions. They won the title for the fifth time on the last day of an exciting season for Danish soccer when drawing 0-0 away at Brøndby to finish on 41 points.

It may prove some recompense for the popular Simonsen, who was forced out of the Danes' European Championship finals run when his leg was broken in a tackle with Le Roux of France.

Vejle deserved the title, scoring 10 more goals than second placed AGF, who made a vain bid to snatch success at the last gasp, beating outgoing champions Lyngby 6-0 on the final day of the season. But Vejle scraped home by a point, with Lyngby third.

Brøndby were fourth. Their last match with Vejle attracted 7,571 fans, a record for the club's tiny ground in the Copenhagen suburbs.

But overall crowds dropped more than 130,000 on last season, despite (or perhaps because of) the national side's success. The poor league standard, despite the exciting finale, could not have been that appealing measured against the national team's thrilling football.

A recent survey of first division clubs has shown half of them (eight) to be in the red, including Vejle and Lyngby. Carlsberg sponsored semi-professionalism, it seems, has its swings and roundabouts too.

French lessons tough for Ian

by Andre Duclos

THINGS began well enough for the red headed Scottish international striker Ian Wallace, when he joined Brest for this season; but at the turn of the season with the winter break, they had alas begun to go seriously wrong.

Quite what happened to undermine his form is obscure. It's a little odd to think that the previous Briton in the Brest team, Nigel Page-Jones, who never remotely achieved the heights and the wealth of Wallace, settled down so splendidly in Brest and above all could never be faulted on the grounds of application and effort.

Nigel Page-Jones played wing-half and latterly left-back); in which position he once had a marvellous game in the Cup against Marseilles, when he had to mark the famous Swedish international outside-right, Roger Magnusson. He was married to a Brest girl and found himself eventually, happy though he was in the Breton port, in a catch 22 bind. He wanted to play First Division football, but Brest at that time were frightened of going up to Division I with all the expense that would entail. But if it came to leaving Brest, his wife would have been seriously dismayed. So he stayed.

Radical

I dounbt if Wallace will stay, unless things take, in the near future, a very unexpected turn. Things came to a head, or perhaps one should say to a nadir, a couple of matches before the winter break. Brest had had a nine match unbeaten run when they played at home to Toulon and they lost 0-2. After the game the Toulon stopper who had marked Wallace, Luigi Alfano, said. "Wallace? I'd be incapable of judging him. He attempted nothing."

Already the new Brest manager, Robert Dewilder, had taken the radical and unusual step of refusing to play Wallace away from home. It certainly looks like a psychological rather than an ordinary, form, crisis. Meanwhile Dewilder is by and large enjoying his initial taste of First Division football and has strong hopes of keeping Brest there at the end of the season.

He took over from the Yugoslav, Nenkovic, under whom things had been growing steadily worse. There were financial problems, and also problems of morale.

"Confidence reigns in the team," says Dewilder, who puts the blame for what went wrong last season chiefly on financial considerations. Dewilder began his managerial career at Blois, then went on to run Limoges.

When he came to Brest in June to discuss the job, he said, the "troupe" of players showed signs of demoralisation: "But I prefer not to discuss the methods of my predecessors." It was said that some players were going out on the town, though those of you who have been to Brest may wonder what they found when they got there.

Attitude

"It's true," says Dewilder, "that in Brest, one notes the presence of certain elements who wouldn't pass as malleable footballers, men easy to handle. I give them my entire confidence, and they don't disappoint me. I don't want to argue about the different cases which have been dealt with. I know that some of them haven't always led a life compatible with practising a sport at high level. When I got here, I sent for them individually, and faced them with their responsibilities. You often hear talk about Pardo, but for my part he has a very worthy attitude, and makes every necessary effort. Besides, I haven't the soul of a gendarme."

Whither Chalana? By the time you read this, I sincerely hope he will be back in the Bordeaux side for whom, at the seasonal break, he had not played a single game all season. The irony of it all is a little much, for the brilliant Portuguese "deep" left winger, if such you can call him, is the most expensive player in the history of the French League.

A thigh injury put him out, as we know, before the season started, and when, in December, it looked as if he would come into the Bordeaux team to help them in their neck and neck battle with Nantes; he injured the thigh again. Not in the same place, which could be reassuring or depressing, according to how you look at it.

"He's fragile," said someone at the hospital where he was examined. Accusations to which his wife Anabella, forever putting herself in the front line as a so-called journalist, replied that he had always been perfectly fit in Portugal. True enough, but it doesn't help Bordeaux.

Deadly

In any event, back to Lisbon and to Portugal Chalana went, for the mid-winter break, in the hope that he could be put together again, while his Bordeaux colleagues fight neck and neck with Nantes, inspired by the deadly finishing of Yugoslavia's Halihodzic.

The one thing you cannot call Chalana is a *malade imaginaire*, one who feigns injury and doesn't want to play. Strong evidence of that is the affection in which he is clearly held by his colleagues, though there were rumblings when he first signed, Tigana especially being resentful of the fact that the little Portuguese had a so much better contract than himself.

Aimé Jacquet, the likeable Bordeaux manager, is extremely sympathetic. "Above all," he says, "it is terrible for him, morally, he's had a a hell of a blow, above all because he had worked to get back to the top level. Now he has to go back to the beginning, and do you know anything more terrible for a player than not to be able to play?"

Bordeaux look well on course to maintain their challenge, even though they did slip up in the most surprising way at Monaco where Genghini, the lanky international midfielder, scored all three goals in a 3-0 win; two from the penalty spot. Genghini was not in fact the designated penalty taker for Monaco previously, but as a superb executant of free kicks — remember the World Cup goal in Madrid against Austria? — it was perhaps predictable that he would be accurate.

Nantes, however, will be a very difficult team to shake off. Their defence looks very strong, organised around the mature and commanding presence of that hero of the French Nations Cup win, Max Bossis. It's said that the brilliantly gifted black attacker, or midfielder, José Touré, should so often be injured. It happened again when Nantes won 2-0 in Marseilles, after he had been playing a dazzling game.

Problems

The odd thing is that the team is achieving all this despite problems with the infrastructure of the club. There has been a changing of the guard at directorial level where the new incumbents seem a bit confused about quite what they should do, but luckily they can rely on the stature and experience of their general manager Budzinski, who was of course for many years a hero of the Nantes defence. Their Bossis off the field, you might almost call him, now.

Men come and go, says "Coco" Suaudeau, the able Nantes manager, the system remains. There have been lots of injuries, but Nantes seem able always to pull new young players out of the hat and integrate them without difficulty. Such, for example, as the little defender from New Caledonia, Kambouare. The race with Bordeaux continues.

Non-vintage Belgium

by Philip Smith

DECEMBER 1984 certainly will not go down as a vintage month for Belgian football. First came the capitulation of Anderlecht in Madrid, and with it the end of Belgian interest in European competitions this season.

As if this wasn't bad enough, the national team then went on "Operation Balkans" and came back shell-shocked following a goalless draw in Athens and a humiliating 2-0 reversal in Albania.

Belgian trainer Guy Thys described the defeat in Tirana as "catastrophic". The chances of qualification for the 1986 World Cup Finals now look decidedly dodgy.

The most obvious reason for the defeat in Tirana revolves around the below par performances of the Anderlecht players still suffering from their Madrid madness. Other excuses include the hectic programme of two matches in four days, and also some debatable refereeing decisions in Tirana.

Finally, there were questions raised about the decision to play five defenders, especially as these included two new caps, Jaspers of Beveren and Franky Van der Elst of Club Brugge.

Thys refused to put the blame on his defensive strategy, but did state that the 4-4-2 which had served him so well over the years would be quickly returned to. Needless to say all Belgian fans hope that something will be sorted out before this year's home matches with Greece and Poland.

December also saw the halfway stage of a league campaign dominated by Anderlecht but which has nevertheless been of great interest. The mauve-and-whites reached the Christmas break boasting a 17-match unbeaten run, and provided the Madrid UEFA Cup disaster doesn't have a lasting effect the title should be theirs for the taking.

Interest concerns the group of clubs battling it out for the UEFA Cup places. FC Liege and Waregem are relatively new to the experience, being more used, in seasons gone by, to battles at the other end of the table.

Robert Waseige has performed miracles for FC Liege, and it must be especially pleasing for the ex-Standard trainer to see his new charges leading the way in Liege. Ironically much of FC Liege's improvement can be put down to the arrival last summer of another ex-Standard man, experienced striker Willy Geurts. He has proved to be the missing cog, and now that the cosmopolitan midfield line-up of the Yugoslav Slijvo, the German Lipka, young Belgian hope Benoit Thans and ex-Darlington star Ian Hamilton have a decent target to aim at, the team effort seems to have taken on a new purpose.

While FC Liege can claim to be the most improved team, neighbours Seraing get the award for the most surprising team of the first half. The mass player exodus during the summer left new trainer Rene Taelman with what was basically a young reserve team with four African recruits brought in to make up the numbers.

It looked an odds-on disaster, yet the halfway stage was reached with Seraing in a comfortable mid-table position alongside their other neighbours Standard. The Africans have fitted in well, and young striker Hugues Deom is getting the goals.

The fact that AA Gent find themselves in with the chasing bunch owes much to the goalscoring exploits of Ronny Martens, who with 16 goals shared the top scorers' spot with Anderlecht's Alex Czerniatynski.

Martens's move from Beveren last summer looks like being the season's best transfer. The 26-year-old striker first came to prominence with Anderlecht but didn't progress because Yugoslav trainer, Tomislan Ivic, preferred the striking duo of Geurts and Brylle.

Following a season in the reserves Martens moved on to Beveren, and played a large part in that club's championship success last season.

LEGIA LEAD AT BREAK

by Terry Bushell

LEGIA WARSAW head the Polish League during the winter break. The title race begins again in March, when Legia resume the struggle to hold off challengers Gornik Zabrze and Lech Poznan.

Legia have won the Polish League title four times, though the last occasion was 14 years ago. In the final match of the autumn campaign Legia beat lowly Pogon 2-0 at home to retain their one-point lead over Gornik. Legia finished fifth last season, with Gornik fourth.

Legia have a reliable defence, well marshalled by national team goalkeeper Jacek Kazimierski, which includes fellow national team players Dariusz Kubicki and Dariusz Wdowczyk. A young midfield is made up of Buda and Putek, both of whom willingly join in attacks and have contributed four goals between them.

Unexpectedly high, in fifth place, are Radomiak from Radom, who are spending their first season in the top division.

Another surprise is the bottom position of Wisla Krakow, who have been slipping in recent years despite having some fine players. Only two years ago they were challenging for the League title, finishing eventually in fifth position. Last year they ended up eleventh — and now are bottom.

RUMANIA

CHAMPIONS Dinamo Bucharest lost their lead when Steaua Bucharest took advantage of a game in hand to win the unofficial autumn title. Sportul Studentesc Bucharest lie third two points behind.

The dominance of the three clubs from the capital has never been so pronounced. They are retaining their leading positions with some high scores. Sportul hammered Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 7-0 at home, for example, while Dinamo thrashed Bihor Oradea 4-0.

Two Steaua players scored hat-tricks in successive weeks. Majaru grabbed three goals in the 4-1 defeat of Poli Timisoara, and a week later Piturca hit all the goals in the 3-1 away win over Bihor.

Piturca was also sent off, along with national team sweeper Stefanescu, in the 4-1 win over Craiova with which Steaua overtook Dinamo.

YUGOSLAVIA

LAST season Sarajevo only broke away from the danger zone at the last moment but this term they have been among the leaders from the very beginning and were top of the table at the break.

With their main rivals — Hajduk Split, Partizan Belgrade and Zeljeznicar — busy in European competition, the young Sarajevo side took advantage thanks to the main architect of their success, midfielder Faruk Hadzibegic. He has been playing brilliantly, well backed up by national team newcomer Davor Jozic. Hajduk are second, two points behind. Their striker, Zlatko Vujovic, is top scorer in the League with 16 goals.

Zeljeznicar moved into third place with an impressive 4-0 home win over the strong Partizan side. Zeljeznicar defender Mirsad Baljic was singled out as the star of this match, for it was largely his decisive tackling which kept out the fast and skilful Partizan forwards when the result was still in the balance.

Champions Red Star Belgrade are doing badly this term, languishing halfway down the table, in tenth position. Their strikers, Milos Sestic, scorer of one of Yugoslavia's two goals in the European championship finals in June, has still been named player of the year however. And Red Star ended the autumn campaign on a high note, thrashing leaders Sarajevo 4-1 at home.

SOVIET UNION

GENNADI LITOVCHENKO has been named player of the year. Litovchenko, 21, is the captain and star striker of Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, who won the league last year and finished third in the campaign just ended.

Spartak goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev, 27, says he wants to continue playing until he is 40, just like the legendary Lev Yashin.

Dasayev was the best 'keeper at the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain and was outstanding in the Soviet Union's 2-0 victory over England at Wembley last June. He attributes his success at domestic and international level to the guidance of veteran Spartak manager Konstantin Beskov.

BULGARIA

LEVSKI SPARTAK head the table with 22 points after 15 matches. Lokomotiv lie second four points behind. In third place are the army club CSKA, who have staged a remarkable recovery from a terrible start. They were lying bottom for much of the early stages.

Their recovery was consolidated with a 1-1 draw at Spartak Varna and two big wins, 6-0 at home to Botev and 4-1 at Dounav Rousse.

Levski retained their top spot despite a surprising 1-0 home defeat by a very ordinary Sliven side. But two big home victories, a 7-2 thrashing of Beroe Stara Zagora — Rusi Gochev hit a hat-trick — and a 4-2 win over Etur, soon put matters right.

ALBANIA

17 NENTORI are unbeaten after 13 matches.

They continued their run of success with a 3-1 home victory over Tomori, followed by a 2-1 win at Nafterari. Luftetari are four points behind, with Vllaznia third two points behind them and Partizani and Tomori level fourth.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BOHEMIANS continue to dominate, going into the winter break having suffered only one league defeat. A 2-1 home victory over third-placed Banik Ostrava and a 3-1 win at Spartak Trnava left them three points clear of Slavia Prague and Banik, with Sparta Prague fourth.

Sparta midfielder Jan Berger is player of the year, having been instrumental in helping land the league title last term.

Berger, who seems to have been around a long time but is still only 29, is popular with the fans despite a turbulent career, having been involved in several off-the-field incidents and reportedly suffering from a drink problem.

EAST GERMANY

REGULAR champions Dynamo Berlin pushed their way to the front again to lead Dresden by two points after an eventful December.

Dynamo thrashed Motor Suhl 6-0 with a hat-trick from Frank Pastor and two goals from talented youngster Andreas Thom. Then, after a week's break in which the national team lost 2-0 to France in the World Cup qualifiers, Dynamo were back on the goal trail.

This time they raced to a 2-0 lead away to Vorwärts but had to be satisfied in the end with a 3-3 draw. Vorwärts defender Hildebrand both put through his own goal for Dynamo's second, then redeemed himself later by scoring to put Vorwärts — briefly — 3-2 ahead.

The same day Dresden suffered a shock 4-0 defeat away to Carl Zeiss Jena. Andreas Bielau scored two.

HUNGARY

AT half-time, the Hungarian league has an upside-down look, writes LESLIE VERNON.

The unfancied provincial clubs are on top and most of the big guns are in the relegation zone. Videoton lead with 22 points ahead of Debrecen and Honved both on 20. Raba Eto — yet another provincial outfit — are fourth in a challenging position with 18 points.

Szeged are doomed to relegation with four miserly points only from 15 matches, and eight points ahead of them are four clubs, Eger, Ferencvaros, Bekescsaba and Vasas.

Ujpest Dozsa are in the middle of the table with 15 points, and MTK are one place ahead of them with one point more. But, undoubtedly, the team of the autumn half of the championship are Videoton.

Not only in the league, but in Europe as well, where, with the scalps of Dukla Prague, St. Germain Paris and Partizan Belgrade, they fought their way into the UEFA Cup quarter-finals, where they will meet Manchester United.

This provincial club from Szekesfehervar has never yet won the league. Their best result was in 1976, when they finished second.

International forward Marton Esterhazy has left Honved to join AEK Athens for a transfer fee of £150,000 and a two-year contract.

CSKA Sofia . . . the Bulgarian army club who have recovered from a bad start to the season.

PAOK HAVE THE EDGE

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

ITS BEEN nine years since the Greek first division title has gone to a team outside Athens. The last team to do it were PAOK of Salonica.

Going into 1985, it looks as if PAOK may just be set to do it again as the team from the northern Greek capital have a five point edge over Panathinaikos and AEK, currently tied for second place with 17 points.

With 10 wins and two draws to their name, PAOK closed out 1984 with a 2-0 win over Doxa. Austrian coach Walter Skook said "We defeated a difficult opponent who played well. I must congratulate my players who have performed so well over the last few matches with a difficult schedule."

AEK are starting to bounce back after a poor start.

In the final week of 1984, and in the big derby played before 75,000 fans at the Athens Olympic Stadium despite the heavy rain, AEK beat Olympiakos 1-0 on a goal in the 77th minute by Thomas Mavros, his 11th this season to lead the league scorers (two ahead of second place Nikos Anastopoulos of Olympiakos).

"What can I say?" asked Mavros. "I always score against Olympiakos."

Mavros said a big part in the win and the recent revival at AEK has been the influence of Greek coach Antonis Georgiadis. He said "I think it is time we took care of our Greek coaches. We've been let down too often by foreign managers."

Also helping AEK find winning ways of AEK is the recent purchase from Hungary of star forward Martin Esterhazy, 28. He teams up well with Mavros and blond Swedish striker Hakan Sandberg.

Olympiakos and Greek national team goalkeeper Nikos Sarganis, however, did not have kind words for Sandberg after the match. He was involved in a collision with Sandberg and was nearly knocked out.

"He hit me on purpose. They (foreigners) come to Greece to take our heads," said Sarganis. Sandberg said later he apologised to Sarganis, although Sarganis did not accept it. "It was stupid on my part. I told him I was sorry," said Sandberg, who has scored seven goals so far this season.

Olympiakos coach George Kessler had no comment to make after the match, no doubt puzzled by yet another poor performance from Olympiakos, currently in an unfamiliar fourth place deadlock with Panionios with 16 points.

Olympiakos also picked up a foreign player in December getting Yugoslav star Milos Sestic. He was unimpressed by AEK limping off the field after the derby to say: "Hard match. AEK players were after me the whole time, I have never been kicked as much in a match."

Three goals within nine minutes lifted Iraklis to a 3-1 triumph at home over Panathinaikos. Iraklis are tied for sixth place with Larisa on 15 points.

Panionios lost their first match of the season during the last Sunday of 1984 losing 2-0 in Patras to Panahaiki. Larisa, despite three goals by Theodore Tsolas of Aris, came from behind to draw 3-3. Aris are having an erratic season and are currently in eighth place with 12 points.

Other matches on the final Sunday of last year saw Pierikos collect their first home win by 2-0 over OFI and Ethnikos edge out Apollon Kalamarias 1-0 with a goal by Kostas Batsilinas.

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believe we could yet finish high enough to get into the UEFA Cup next season.

"But, as I said, it will take quite a transformation.

"I've seen the headlines about whether our coach, Marchesi, is to blame. Whether he should stay. Whether he should go. But that's no real solution. I don't believe Marchesi is the man to blame. He's not only a good coach but a gentleman. It's down to us, the players."

Having got that far, Maradona didn't spare himself from criticism. He added: "I'm perhaps more to blame than anyone else. I have to keep telling myself that out on the pitch I must always try harder to keep my head and then maybe we can all encourage each other. Right now we are a team of players who won't run without the ball. We're too individualistic. The defenders think only about defending; the midfield players only about the centre of the pitch; the forwards only about the attack. We don't think, or play, as a team."

One of Maradona's problems is that he is still struggling with the Italian language — "I even have to take the interpreter into the dressing rooms". But in this instance the Italian media were quick enough to translate his words and relay them to his colleagues.

Their reaction was mixed. The club's general manager Antonio Juliano, a key man in the transfer negotiations, and Argentine World Cup winger Daniel Bertóni were — not surprisingly — on his side. But skipper Giuseppe Bruscolotti (13 years with Napoli) and stopper Moreno Ferrario weren't happy.

Ferrario said: "Maradona has a right to say what he thinks. But I think it might have been better to discuss these things in the dressing rooms, behind closed door, then create a big fuss. We'v got enough problems as it is."

Bruscolotti thought: "It's not so much a question of harmony on a pesonal level but simply of results."

Certainly against Juventus Napoli had their moments. Maradona was unlucky with one effort in the first half. But after that 15th-minute shot which flew over the bar, the Argentine found Luciano Favero a tenacious personal watchdog.

Afterwards, apart from his own retinue of advisers, friends, chauffeurs and so on, around two dozen journalists were waiting to hang on his every word.

His first was to complain that referee Paolo Casarin should have disallowed Juve's second goal because of hands by Antonio Cabrini, who then provided the pass for Michel Platini to convert. But again his honest opinion wasn't far behind. He admitted: "We didn't play well, did we? But we have the players to do better. I keep saying that but it's the truth. For 40 minutes we were just as good as Juvenuts so I think that proves my point. Because I still believe Juventus are the best team in Italy . . ."

Three years ago Maradona was hailed as the world's finest player. His skills had set South America and Europe (while on tour with his country) alight. Yet this past year he has virtually disappeared from the international ratings. Four years ago he was voted South American Footballer of the Year at the tender age of 20. Yet this past year's poll doesn't rate him in the top ten.

In Europe in general, and in Italy in particular, he has fallen under the shadow of French star Platini. Now all Maradona can do is wait for May 5 . . . when Juventus and Platini travel south to Naples.

Esteban . . . Barcelona's match-winner against Real Madrid.

Barcelona's boot on Madrid's foot

FOR years Real Madrid have kept themselves happily amused watching the crisis and confusions at Barcelona. Now the boot is on the other foot.

Madrid president Luis De Carlos was forced to issue a public vote of confidence in coach Amancio after the 3-2 defeat in Nou Camp which established Barsa six points clear of second-place Real — a victory achieved under the gaze of spying Tottenham boss Peter Shreeves, and despite the first-half expulsion of midfielder Victor.

It wasn't just this defeat which had placed a question-mark against Amancio only seven months after he succeeded Alfredo Di Stefano. Despite the brilliant recovery against Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup third round all is not well among the Madrid players.

Amancio's continual chopping and changing of the line-up and a series of injuries have proved highly unpopular with his men — and both forward Juanito and midfielder Juan Lozano have expressed their views very publicly.

Juanito was suspended for a month and fined by the club for his outburst. He then apologised, team-mates Camacho and Santillana asked the board to grant a reprieve and after 17 days of the ban Juanito was welcomed back to duty — the official excuse being a clemency request to all clubs from newly-elected FEF president Jose Luis Roca.

Lozano has also apologised handsomely to both directors and team-mates for lashing out after being dropped from the team which took on Barcelona despite his starring role against Anderlecht.

Line-ups:

Barcelona: Urruti — Gerardo, Migueli, Julio Alberto, Victor, Alesanco, Carrasco (Caldere 80), Schuster, Rojo, Archibald, Esteban.

Madrid: Miguel Angel — Chendo, Camacho, Stielike, San Jose, Gallego, Sanchis, Butragueno, Isidro, Salguero (Santillana 58), Valdano.

Gerardo headed Barsa in front after 25 minutes only for Sanchis to reply almost immediately and then be the victim of a foul by Victor which saw the Barcelona international sent off. English press reports suggested that the expulsion order by referee Ramos Marcos was harsh. In fact Victor went for committing a second bookable offence. He had earlier been shown the yellow card for kicking the ball away at a free kick.

Capacity

To the delight of the capacity 125,000 crowd, Barcelona refused to be upset. Terry Venables's men forced the pace for most of the rest of the game and veteran centre back Mugueli headed in an Esteban corner early in the second half to restore their lead. Esteban himself scored a superb solo goal in the 79th minute and it was with virtually the last kick of the match that Emilio Butrangueno pulled one back, in vain, for Madrid.

Venables, after the game, had the Spanish journalists gaping when he began by saying that he wasn't satisfied with his team's performance. He quickly went on to explain that, instead, he had been thrilled and delighted.

But he warned: "The championship is far from over. There are still 16 games to go and if we start to think that we don't have to put as much effort into those 16 games, then we will slide back."

Venables put a large part of the blame for the expulsion of Victor onto Sanchis for making a meal of it but he finished on a positive note by telling the fans that they "should be very proud of their team today."

Amancio, by contrast, wasn't at all happy. He said: "We had the situation under control until Migueli scored. Then our game went to pieces."

Nine goals

He did have one view in common with Venables: Amancio wasn't happy with the referee. In his case for disallowing a goal by Valdano just before half-time because of offside. Amancio said "It looked a good goal and I think the referee thought so as well. But then he let the linesman's flag sway him . . . and other things."

Despite that disallowed goal Valdano continued as joint leading league scorer with nine goals, the same as Murcia's Figueroa — though Barcelona's Steve Archibald (then on seven) was coming up fast.

Unable to defend his top scorer's crown from last season, however, is Valladolid's Uruguayan Jorge Da Silva. He has been playing in Spain only on loan form Defensor of Montevideo and has now been summoned home for the World Cup qualifiers in March.

Da Silva hoped to go out in style in a home game against Sevilla. Instead he failed to score and Valladolid lost 3-2. At least Sevilla's winning goal didn't arrive until after Da Silva had been substituted and left the pitch to a standing ovation from the 25,000 crowd.

BOTTOM club Elche have sacked coach Antonio Ruiz.

PORTUGAL MOURNING

PORTUGUESE football went into mourning on January 7 after the death of Jose Maria Pedroto at the age of 56.

Pedroto was one of Portugal's finest coaches, had two spells in charge of the national team and built the FC Porto side who reached last season's Cup-winners' Cup final.

By the time they lost to Juventus in Basel, however, Pedroto had been forced to step down and spend much of his time shuffling between Portugal and London for treatment to his lengthy illness. Once an international midfield palyer, he appeared 17 times for his country in the late 1950s.

Meanwhile the club he left behind, Porto, go from strength to strength. At press time they were level at the top of the league table with Sporting Lisbon. But Porto had a game in hand after their match with Portimonense was abandoned before a ball had been kicked because the little Varzim stadium was swamped with 10,000 fans above and beyond capacity. The match had been switched there because of a suspension on Porto's own Das Antas ground.

Porto's good fortune is that top scorer Fernando Gomes is once again firing on all cylinders. He ran up five goals in a 9-1 thrashing of Vizela, then claimed a hat-trick just seven days later in the 3-2 victory away to Braga. Gomes, hardly suprisingly, has now overtaken Belenenses forward Djao in the scoring charts with a total of 16 gaols.

The same day Porto were beating Braga, so Sporting were shading their big derby with Benfica by 1-0. The goal was scored by Manuel Fernandes in the third minute after a mistake by Manuel Bento, the erratic Benfica goalkeeper. The match was watched by a capacity 75,000 crowd.

Benfica were themselves one game behind the rest after their visit to Varzim was halted when a linesman was struck by a bottle. The match was abandoned after 32 minutes and eventually replayed on January 9. Benfica, who were losing 1-0 in the original match, won the replay 1-0. The winning goal came from a Diamantino free kick in the seventh minute.

Victory kept Benfica third in the table, two points behind the joint leaders Porto and Sporting where Welshman John Toshack is doing some excellent work despite being plagued by injury problems.

VETERAN Benfica forward Nene is now out of danger after complications following an attack of angina. Nene was discovered, almost too late, to be alergic to the drugs used for treatment.

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Zamalek okay but National run into problems

THE bid by Zamalek and National to land an Egyptian double in Africa's club tournaments fell foul of major controversy.

Zamalek were all right in the end in winning the Champions' Cup but in the Cup-winners' Cup there were always going to be problems when it was confirmed that National had qualified to meet Al Ahly of Libya in the final.

The two countries have not had diplomatic relations or sporting contact since the border fighting of a few years ago.

On the night of the first leg the Cairo stadium, which would normally have been packed with 100,000 screaming fans, was two-thirds empty. Those gathered watched National come out onto the field and claim the match by default.

National might well have expected to be declared champions at this stage. However even before the day of the match it was rumoured that National would be asked to play Canon of Cameroon if Al Ahly failed to turn up. Sure enough dates for a National v Canon final were quickly drawn up.

This posed several questions. First, why didn't National win the cup by default, as this had been the rule in earlier ties? Secondly why should Canon go through to the final rather than Arab Contractors, the other semi-finalists? Certainly a play off between the semi-finalists would have seemed fairer, although of course difficult to fit in.

What also would have happened if the first leg had been played in Libya? Under those circumstances we assume it would have been National who wouln't have turned up. Following their own rules the AFC would have invited National's semi-final opponents to replace them — but they would have been the other Egyptian team!

After all the fuss the final did kick off two weeks later. When Mustapha Abdou rose above Onana Eloundou to head home a 33rd minute cross it looked as if National were on their way to the expected comfortable win. However Canon tightened their defence and held the Egyptians to that single goal, a narrow lead that might well mean some worries in the second leg.

National had found it tough enough beating holders Arab Contractors in the semi-finals. The first game ended in a goalless draw and the deadlock was not broken until a minute before half-time in the second game when Al Khateib scored for National.

Nasser Mohammed Ali equalised early in the second half but the goal was insufficient to save Contractors whose dominance over this competition came to an end on the away goals rule.

The other semi-final was just as close. World Cup star Kunde gave Canon a narrow lead from the first game but Libya's Al Ahly equalised at home and took the tie on penalties.

At least the Champion's Cup gave no real problems. Zamalek had a workmanlike victory over Shooting Stars in Cairo thanks to international Gamal Abdul-Hamid who scored two goals in the second half.

Stars tried desperately to have the second leg played in their home city of Ibanan but the AFC insisted that all finals must be played in the capital, in this case Lagos.

It was certainly a subdued Shooting Stars in the second leg and they rarely troubled the Egyptian goalkeeper. Long before the end the crowd were cheering the visitors and with a few minutes left Friday Christopher stunned everybody with a ridiculous own goal to bring the aggregate score to 3-0.

An anti-climax, but one which should not detract from the fact that Zamalek were the outstanding team in Africa this year.

As for the Nigerians it was announced the following day that all officials and players had been sacked. Seems harsh on a team who did after all get through to the final of the continental championship.

Zamalek and Shooting Stars, who were both making their first appearance in the final, qualified in completely different styles.

Shooting Stars just about tied up the tie against Semassi Sokode of Togo in their first game in which Rashidi Yekini gave them a dream start by scoring after only eight minutes. Their one setback occurred just five minutes later when Ekue Foli equalised. Rotimi Adebodi, who was without doubt the man of the match, scored directly from the kick off and added his second and the team's third just before half time.

Semassi stood up to the pressure well in the second half but tired in the last quarter of an hour to allow Felix Owolabi and Adebodi to score late, and decisive goals for the home side who won 5-1.

Semassi at least had the satisfaction of winning the return match in front of their own fans. Goals from Essowazina Atcha and Zacchari Souleymane gave them a 2-1 victory.

Zamalek's path to the final couldn't have been closer or more exciting. They were playing with typical professional organisation in the away leg against Jet of Algeria and held them 1-1 for much of the game. These early goals came from World Cup star Ali Fergani and Egyptian centre half Youssef.

However the Algerians launched a frantic attack in the last 15 minutes and twice beat goalkeeper Adel Al-Maamour. Rachid Barris and Ali Belahcene scored the vital goals.

This was the first time that an Egyptian club had conceded three goals in an African Cup tie since National lost 3-0 to Hearts of Oak in 1977. Injuries to international winger Tareq Yehia, Badr Hamid and Magdi Shalabi added to Zamalek's worries in the return but they gave quick notice of their intentions when Gamal Abdul-Hamid forced a fine first minute save from goalkeeper Mourad Ammar.

Cheered on by a 100,000 crowd Zamalek kept the visitors under almost continuous pressure and the first opening came just before half-time when midfield player Farouq Jaafar was fouled in the penalty area. Abdul-Hamid converted the penalty.

Minutes later Abdul-Hamid saw a clever shot from the right hit the bar and then, early in the second half he neatly placed a cross for Nasr Ibrahim to head home.

This tied the game but gave Zamalek the advantage of the away goal. The Egyptians however took a clear lead on the hour when Ghanaian international Emmanuel Quarshie headed home another cross from Abdul-Hamid.

Jet, now looking completely demoralised, were lucky not to go further behind in the final minutes.

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THERE were first leg wins for Mali, who beat Benin 1-0 and Gambia who scored a surprise win over Sierra Leone. Gambia, who were 2-0 up at half time survived a hectic second half to take the match 3-2 for what is one of their best results in recent years. However in the return Sierra Leone won 2-0 to go through to the second round.

Zaire got back to winning form with a 2-1 aggregate victory over Gabon. Gabon actually tied the overall score when Minko scored in the 20th minute of the second game but Zaire equalised just before the end through Mutuale to snatch the tie 2-1.

In a clash between two of the outsiders Mauritania qualified to meet Algeria thanks to a 4-3 aggregate win over Liberia. Mauritania won the home leg 3-0 to make up for their 1-3 defeat away from home.

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GHANA, rebuilding from the disaster of the nations Cup made a good start to their campaign here. John Bannerman scored in the 19th and 72nd minutes, the second a penalty, to give them a 2-0 victory over Ivory Coast.

Five teams were taking part in this regional tournament, hosts Burkina Faso (formally Upper Volta), Benin and Togo being the other three. The two week mini league left Togo and Ghana to play off the final. Togo were also looking for a victory to make up for a disappointing performance in the Nations Cup and they took the lead straight from the kick-off through Zacharie Souleymane.

John Bannerman, the man of the tournament, equalised after 22 minutes and the scores stood that way till the end of extra time. Ghana however took the title on penalties.

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NEW Nigeria Bank made up for their narrow defeat in the Nigerian league by retaining the West African Cup. Having won the away leg 3-2 they were always favourites and a 40,000 crowd turned out at home to cheer them on. The home crowd however were only given one goal to celebrate, that scored by Henry Nwosu in the first half.

The West African Cup started in 1977 and is open to clubs who finished the previous season as league runners-up. Ties are played on a home and away basis.

Previous winners: 1977 Stade Club (Ivory coast), 1978 Sportif Club (Senegal), 1979 Police AC (Senegal), 1980 Police AC (Senegal), 1981 Hasaacs (Ghana), 1982 New Bank (Nigeria).

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KENYA: Gor Mahia retained the league title with a 2-0 victory over Lake Warriors. It was their sixth title since the league started in 1968. The club however are serving a two year suspension from African competitions following their abandoned game with Zamalek and must wait to see if their appeal against the ban succeeds.

Swedish side Norrkoping have been touring the country as part of Leopard's 20th anniversary celebrations. In their opening game they lost 3-2 to Leopards, Masiga being the star with a first half hat-trick. However the Swedish side reversed the defeat in a second match and then thrashed visiting Tanzanian side Young Africans 5-0.

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TANZANIA: The national team went out of the World Cup after a 1-0 away defeat to Sudan.

British coach Geof Hudson, whose honest commitment to the job has won general approval escaped major personal criticism.

Hudson himself however might be less happy with the local football authorities who have rejected both his suggestions for the establishment of a national youth team and his appeals to bring back Tanzanian players from Europe for vital ties.

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NIGERIA: Leventis United, a third division side, caused a major surprise by winning the Nigerian Cup. In the semi-final they beat the favourites, New Nigerian Bank, 1-0 thanks to a goal from Bunmi Adigun. In the other semi-final Abiola Babes had an easy 3-0 victory over Vasco da Gama the goals coming from Bayo Fayehun, Dehinde Akinlotan and Eugene Ohuanunwa.

The final itself was decided by a single goal. Then, a few days later United met league Champions Enugu Rangers in a Nigerian "Super Cup" and won 2-1 in extra time.

Leventis did have a head start in life. John Mastoroundes, the managing director of Carpet Royal Nigeria and a long time football fan was the man behind the birth of the club. Disappointed, so the story goes, at the falling standard of soccer in Oyo State he persuaded all the clubs within his large company to combine. The result was Leventis United.

There was no lack of financial suppport and stars such as Wole Odegbami, Paul Okoku and Leotis Boateng were willing to give up first division football to join the new club.

In their first full season they were promoted from the Ibadan first division to national league division three while they played friendly games all over the country often against league sides.

In that first season they played 50 matches and lost just once. Their main success came in their first international appearance when they travelled to Togo where they played top side Semassa. The match, which was part of Togo's Independence celebrations, attracted a 30,000 crowd, partly due to rumours that Segun Odegbami, who was travelling with the team as guest manager, would actually be playing.

Nevertheless few of the crowd went home disappointed as Leventis put on a winning display that was, according to one reporter 'pure Brazilian'.

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UGANDA: Kampala City Council enjoyed an exciting victory over Coffee FC in the Ugandan Cup Final.

Philip Omondi put KCC ahead in the 5th minute but Coffee equalised with a penalty seven minutes later. Kampala regained the lead early in the second half only to see Coffee once again equalize, this time through Matovu. International Kateregga settled the issue with a fine goal in the last four minutes.

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MOZAMBIQUE: Maxaquene of Maputo took the league title despite losing their last match to Nova Alianca 2-1.

They will however not be entering next years Champions' Cup due to economic reasons. Reigning champions Despotivo Maputo were runners up and two clubs from the seaport of Beira, Ferroviario and Desportivo, were relegated.

from Mark Gleeson in Johannesburg

THE South African soccer season ended in a blaze of glory with Soweto giants Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs making a clean sweep — bar one — of all the silverware.

Chiefs, by far the best supported club in the country, snatched the NPSL title from under the noses of Moroka Swallows Limited and title holders Durban City.

That capped match-winning performances in the Sales House Champion of Champions, the JPS Knockout Cup and this country's equivalent of the FA Cup, the Mainstay Cup.

Managed by Scot Joe Frickleton, the "Amakhosi", as they are popularly known, ended ahead of Swallows and Durban City on goal average. All three accumulated 43 points from their 34 games.

Chiefs, known more for their cup-final-day temperament than their staying power, raced in at the final post after trailing considerably in mid-season.

The multi-talented squad was supplemented towards the end of the season by the return of Patrick 'Ace' Ntsoelengoe from a successful, but injury plagued, season in the NASL with Toronto Blizzard. Ace, the idol of South African football, lacked the sparkle of previous season's performances, but his immense experience was enough to help his side home.

Swallows did well to be placed second considering they went through four managers this past season.

Durban City, champions in 1982 and 1983, led for most of the season, but their inexperience and injury prone squad failed to ward off the challenge. Manager Butch Webster has assembled a useful 14-strong squad. But despite twice being champions, City remain a cinderella football side.

The razzmatazz of the Hollywood-style Mainstay Cup Final overshadowed the title run-in.

It was the money-spinning final league authorities had hoped for — Kaizer Chiefs versus near neighbours and arch rivals Orlando Pirates. These teams have all the traditional derby rivalry of Inter and AC Milan, Liverpool and Everton and Real and Atletico Madrid.

Eighty-thousand packed into the Ellis Park Super Stadium to watch a pre-match show which included massed drum majorettes, a local pop band and skydivers landing in the centre circle. In fact, sportswriters were unanimous in rating the pre-final entertainment better than the game itself.

As with most 'dream finals' it was dull and lifeless and somewhat clouded by the occasion. Both teams sparred and parried, but tried little adventurous play. Chief's Teenage Dladla scored the only goal with 13 minutes to go from the penalty spot after Pirates' Donald Khuse had brought doen Chippa Molatedi.

This was Chiefs fourth cup success since the trophy began with the inception of multi-racial soccer in 1978.

CHIEFS: Peter Bala'c, Sylvester Kole, Nick Sekweni, Jimmy Joubert, Garth Allardyce, Chippa Molatedi, Jan Lechaba, Trevor Mthimkulu (Marks Maponyane, 72), Samora Khulu, Patrick Ntsoelengoe, Teenage Dladla.

PIRATES: Patson Banda, Stewart Lilley, Donald Khuse, Jeff Ntsibandi, Mandla Sithole, Mario Vares, Zero Mogale, Victor Twala, Vincent Makroti, James Mkhwanazi, Steve Mnguni.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

*Part Two of **World Soccer's** European Results Sequence, compiled by LYNN JOYCE.*

ICELAND

1979	May 22	Switzerland	L	0-2	Berne	ECq
	May 26	W. Germany	L	1-3	Reykjavik	ECq
	June 9	Switzerland	L	1-2	Reykjavik	ECq
	Aug 5	Holland	L	0-4	Reykjavik	ECq
	Aug 12	E. Germany	L	0-3	Reykjavik	ECq
	Oct 10	Poland	L	0-2	Krakow	ECq
1980	June 2	Wales	L	0-4	Reykjavik	WCq
	June 25	Finland	D	1-1	Reykjavik	
	Jul 14	Norway	L	1-3	Oslo	
	Jul 17	Sweden	D	1-1	Halmsted	
	Aug 3	Sov. Union	L	1-2	Reykjavik	WCq
	Aug 24	Turkey	W	3-1	Izmir	WCq
	Oct 15	Sov. Union	L	0-5	Moscow	WCq
1981	June 26	Czechoslovakia	L	1-6	Bratislava	WCq
	Aug 8	Nigeria	W	3-0	Reykjavik	
	Aug 26	Denmark	L	0-3	Copenhagen	
	Sep 9	Turkey	W	2-0	Reykjavik	WCq
	Sep 23	Czechoslovakia	D	1-1	Reykjavik	WCq
	Oct 14	Wales	D	2-2	Swansea	WCq
1982	Mar 14	Kuwait	D	0-0	Kuwait	
	June 2	England	D	1-1	Reykjavik	
	June 5	Malta	L	1-2	Messina, Sicily	
	Jul 11	Finland	L	2-3	Helsinki	
	Sep 1	Holland	D	1-1	Reykjavik	
	Sep 8	E. Germany	L	0-1	Reyjavik	
	Oct 13	Rep. Ireland	L	0-2	Dublin	ECq
	Oct 27	Spain	L	0-1	Malaga	ECq
1983	May 29	Spain	L	0-1	Reykjavik	ECq
	June 5	Malta	W	1-0	Reykjavik	ECq
	Aug 17	Sweden	L	0-4	Reykjavik	
	Sep 7	Holland	L	0-3	Groningen	ECq
	Sep 21	Rep. Ireland	L	0-3	Reykjavik	ECq

ITALY

1979	Feb 24	Holland	W	3-0	Milan	
	May 26	Argentina	D	2-2	Rome	
	June 13	Yugoslavia	L	1-4	Zagreb	
	Sep 26	Sweden	W	1-0	Florence	
	Nov 17	Switzerland	W	2-0	Udina	
1980	Feb 16	Rumania	W	2-1	Naples	
	Mar 15	Uruguay	W	1-0	Milan	
	Apr 19	Poland	D	2-2	Turin	
	June 12	Spain	D	0-0	Milan	Ecf
	June 15	England	W	1-0	Turin	Ecf
	June 18	Belgium	D	0-0	Rome	Ecf
	June 21	Czechoslovakia	D	1-1	Naples	EC3
				Lost 9-8 on penalties		
	Sep 24	Portugal	W	3-1	Genoa	
	Oct 10	Luxembourg	W	2-0	Luxembourg	WCq
	Nov 1	Denmark	W	2-0	Rome	WCq
	Nov 15	Yugoslavia	W	2-0	Turin	WCq
	Dec 6	Greece	W	2-0	Athens	WCq
1981	Jan 3	Uruguay	L	0-2	Montevideo	
	Jan 6	Holland	D	1-1	Montevideo	
	Feb 25	Rest of Europe	L	0-3	Rome	
	Apr 19	E. Germany	D	0-0	Udine	
	June 3	Denmark	L	1-3	Copenhagen	WCq
	Aug 23	Bulgaria	W	3-2	Bologna	
	Oct 17	Yugoslavia	D	1-1	Belgrade	WCq
	Nov 14	Greece	D	1-1	Turin	WCq
	Dec 5	Luxembourg	W	1-0	Naples	WCq
1982	Feb 23	France	L	0-2	Paris	
	Apr 4	E. Germany	L	0-1	Leipzig	
	May 28	Switzerland	D	1-1	Geneva	
	June 14	Poland	D	0-0	Vigo	WC1
	June 18	Peru	D	1-1	Vigo	WC1
	June 23	Cameroon	D	1-1	Vigo	WC1
	June 29	Argentina	W	2-1	Barcelona	WC2
	July 5	Brazil	W	3-2	Barcelona	WC2
	July 8	Poland	W	2-0	Barcelona	WCS
	July 11	W. Germany	W	3-1	Madrid	WCF
	Oct 27	Switzerland	L	0-1	Rome	
	Nov 13	Czechoslovakia	D	2-2	Milan	EC
	Dec 4	Rumania	D	0-0	Florence	EC
1983	Feb 12	Cyprus	D	1-1	Limassol	EC
	Apr 16	Rumania	L	0-1	Bucharest	EC
	May 29	Sweden	L	0-2	Gothenburg	EC
	Oct 5	Greece	W	3-0	Bari	
	Oct 15	Sweden	L	0-3	Naples	EC
	Nov 16	Czechoslovakia	L	0-2	Prague	EC
	Dec 22	Cyprus	W	3-1	Perugia	EC

LIECHTENSTEIN

1981	June 14	Malta	D	1-1	Seoul	
	June 16	Thailand	L	0-2	Seoul	
	June 22	Indonesia	W	3-2	Seoul	
	Oct 6	Malaysia	W	1-0	Balzers	
1982	Mar 9	Switzerland	L	0-1	Blazers	
	June 6	China	W	2-0	Vaduz	
1983	—	—	—	—	—	

LUXEMBOURG

1979	Feb 25	France	L	0-3	Paris	EC
	May 1	Czechoslovakia	L	0-3	Luxembourg	EC
	June 7	Sweden	L	0-3	Malmoe	EC
	Oct 24	Sweden	D	1-1	Luxembourg	EC
	Nov 24	Czechoslovakia	L	0-4	Prague	EC
1980	Feb 27	Belgium	L	0-5	Brussels	
	Mar 26	Uruguay	L	0-1	Esch	
	Sep 10	Yugoslavia	L	0-5	Luxembourg	WCq
	Oct 4	USA	L	0-2	Dudelingen	
	Oct 11	Italy	L	0-2	Luxembourg	WCq
	Nov 19	Denmark	L	0-4	Copenhagen	WCq
1981	Jan 28	Greece	L	0-5	Salonica	WCq
	Mar 11	Greece	L	0-2	Luxembourg	WCq
	May 1	Denmark	L	1-2	Luxembourg	WCq
	Oct 14	Spain	L	0-3	Valencia	
	Nov 21	Yugoslavia	L	0-5	Novi Sad	WCq
	Dec 5	Italy	L	0-1	Naples	WCq
1982	Oct 9	Greece	L	0-2	Luxembourg	EC
	Nov 10	Denmark	L	1-2	Luxembourg	EC
	Dec 15	England	L	0-9	Wembley	EC
1983	Mar 27	Hungary	L	2-6	Luxembourg	EC
	Apr 17	Hungary	L	2-6	Budapest	EC
	Oct 12	Denmark	L	0-6	Copenhagen	EC
	Nov 16	England	L	0-4	Luxembourg	EC
	Dec 14	Greece	L	0-1	Pireus	EC

MALTA

1979	Feb 25	W. Germany	D	0-0	Valatta	EC
	Mar 18	Turkey	L	1-2	Izsmir	EC
	June 2	Wales	L	0-2	Valetta	EC
	Aug 28	Tunisia	L	0-4	Tunis	
	Oct 26	Turkey	L	1-2	Valetta	
1980	Feb 27	W. Germany	L	0-8	Bremen	EC
	Dec 6	Poland	L	0-2	Valetta	WCq
1981	Apr 4	E. Germany	L	1-2	Valetta	WCq
	June 14	Liechtenstein	D	1-1	Seoul	
	June 23	Indonesia	W	1-0	Seoul	
	June 23	Thailand	W	2-0	Seoul	
	Oct 25	Tunisia	W	1-0	Tunis	
	Nov 11	E. Germany	L	1-5	Jena	WCq
	Nov 15	Poland	L	0-6	Wroclaw	WCq
1982	June 5	Iceland	W	2-1	Messina	EC
	Oct 14	Bulgaria	L	0-7	Sofia	
	Dec 18	Holland	L	6-0	Aachen	EC
1983	Feb 1	Tunisia	L	1-2	Marsa	
	Mar 30	Rep. Ireland	L	0-1	Valletta	EC
	May 15	Spain	L	2-3	Valletta	EC
	June 5	Iceland	L	0-1	Reykjavik	EC
	Nov 16	Rep. Ireland	L	0-8	Dublin	EC
	Dec 17	Holland	L	0-5	Rotterdam	EC
	Dec 21	Spain	L	1-12	Seville	EC

NORTHERN IRELAND

1979	Feb 7	England	L	0-4	Wembley	EC
	May 2	Bulgaria	W	2-0	Belfast	EC
	May 19	England	L	0-2	Belfast	
	May 22	Scotland	L	0-1	Glasgow	
	May 26	Wales	D	1-1	Belfast	
	June 6	Denmark	L	0-4	Copenhagen	EC
	Oct 17	England	L	1-5	Belfast	EC
	Nov 21	Rep. Ireland	L	0-1	Belfast	EC
1980	Mar 26	Israel	D	0-0	Tel-Aviv	WCq
	May 16	Scotland	W	1-0	Belfast	
	May 20	England	D	1-1	Wembley	
	May 23	Wales	L	0-1	Cardiff	
	June 11	Australia	D	1-1	Sydney	
	June 15	Australia	D	1-1	Melbourne	
	June 18	Australia	W	1-2	Adelaide	
	Oct 15	Sweden	W	0-3	Belfast	WCq
	Nov 19	Portugal	L	0-1	Lisbon	WCq
1981	Mar 25	Scotland	D	1-1	Glasgow	WCq
	Apr 24	Portugal	W	1-0	Belfast	WCq
	May 20	Scotland	L	0-2	Glasgow	
	Oct 14	Scotland	D	0-0	Belfast	WCq
	Nov 10	Israel	W	1-0	Belfast	WCq
1982	Feb 23	England	L	0-4	Wembley	
	Mar 24	France	L	0-4	Paris	
	Apr 28	Scotland	D	1-1	Belfast	
	May 27	Wales	L	0-3	Wrexham	
	June 17	Yugoslavia	D	0-0	Zaragoza	WC1
	June 21	Honduras	D	1-1	Zaragoza	WC1
	June 25	Spain	W	1-0	Valencia	WC1
	July 1	Austria	D	2-2	Madrid	WC2
	July 4	France	L	1-4	Madrid	WC2
	Oct 13	Austria	L	0-2	Vienna	EC
	Nov 17	W. Germany	W	1-0	Belfast	EC
	Dec 15	Albania	D	0-0	Tirana	EC
1983	Mar 30	Turkey	W	2-1	Belfast	EC
	Apr 27	Albania	W	1-0	Belfast	EC
	May 24	Scotland	D	0-0	Hampden	
	May 28	England	D	0-0	Belfast	
	May 31	Wales	L	0-1	Belfast	
	Sep 21	Austria	W	3-1	Belfast	EC
	Oct 12	Turkey	L	0-1	Ankara	EC
	Nov 16	W. Germany	W	1-0	Hamburg	EC
	Dec 13	Scotland	W	2-0	Belfast	

NORWAY

1979	May 7	Scotland	L	0-4	Oslo	EC
	May 9	Portugal	L	0-1	Oslo	EC
	June 28	Sweden	L	0-2	Gothenburg	
	Aug 9	Finland	W	1-0	Kuopio	
	Aug 15	Sweden	W	2-0	Oslo	
	Aug 29	Austria	L	0-4	Vienna	EC
	Sep 12	Belgium	L	1-2	Oslo	EC
	Oct 26	Finland	D	1-1	Stavanger	
	Nov 1	Portugal	L	1-3	Lisbon	EC
1980	May 22	Bulgaria	W	1-0	Oslo	
	June 4	Denmark	L	1-3	Copenhagen	
	July 14	Iceland	W	3-1	Oslo	
	Aug 8	Finland	W	6-1	Oslo	
	Sep 10	England	L	0-4	Wembley	WCq
	Sep 24	Rumania	D	1-1	Oslo	WCq
	Oct 28	Switzerland	W	2-1	Berne	WCq
1981	Apr 29	Bulgaria	L	0-1	Pleven	
	May 20	Hungary	L	1-2	Oslo	WCq
	June 3	Rumania	L	0-1	Bucharest	WCq
	June 17	Switzerland	D	1-1	Oslo	WCq
	July 2	Finland	L	1-3	Helsinki	
	Aug 12	Nigeria	D	2-2	Oslo	
	Sep 9	England	W	2-1	Oslo	WCq
	Sep 23	Denmark	L	1-2	Copenhagen	
	Oct 31	Hungary	L	1-4	Budapest	WCq
1982	Apr 28	Finland	D	1-1	Stavanger	
	May 12	W. Germany	L	2-4	Oslo	
	June 16	Denmark	W	2-1	Oslo	
	Aug 11	Sweden	W	1-0	Oslo	
	Sep 22	Wales	L	0-1	Swansea	EC
	Oct 13	Yugoslavia	W	3-1	Oslo	EC
	Oct 27	Bulgaria	D	2-2	Sofia	EC
	Nov 13	Kuwait	L	0-1	Kuwait	
1983	Aug 10	Rumania	D	0-0	Oslo	
	Sep 7	Bulgaria	L	1-2	Oslo	EC
	Sep 21	Wales	D	0-0	Oslo	EC
	Oct 12	Yugoslavia	L	1-2	Belgrade	

POLAND

1979	Feb 18	Tunisia	W	2-0	Tunis	
	Mar 21	Algeria	W	1-0	Algiers	
	Apr 4	Hungary	D	1-1	Chorzow	
	Apr 18	E. Germany	L	1-2	Leipzig	EC
	May 2	Holland	W	2-1	Chorzow	EC
	Aug 19	Libya	W	5-0	Tripoli	
	Aug 29	Rumania	W	3-0	Warsaw	
	Sep 12	Switzerland	W	2-0	Lausanne	EC
	Sep 26	E.Germany	W	1-0	Chorzow	EC
	Oct 10	Iceland	W	2-0	Krakow	EC
	Oct 17	Holland	D	1-1	Amsterdam	EC
1980	Mar 26	Hungary	L	1-2	Budapest	
	Apr 2	Belgium	L	1-2	Brussels	
	Apr 19	Italy	D	2-2	Turin	
	Apr 26	Yugoslavia	L	1-2	Borovo	
	May 13	W. Germany	L	1-3	Frankfurt	
	May 22	Iraq	W	3-2	Warsaw	
	May 29	Brazil	D	1-1	Sao Paulo	
	July 2	Bolivia	L	1-0	Santa Cruz	
	July 9	Columbia	W	4-1	Bogota	
	Sep 24	Czechoslovakia	D	1-1	Chorzow	
	Oct 12	Argentina	L	1-2	Buenos Aires	
	Nov 12	Spain	W	2-1	Barcelona	
	Nov 19	Algeria	W	5-1	Warsaw	
	Dec 6	Malta	W	2-0	Valetta	WCq
1981	Jan 24	Japan	W	2-0	Tokyo	
	Jan 27	Japan	W	4-2	Tokushima	
	Jan 30	Japan	W	4-1	Nagoya	
	Feb 1	Japan	W	3-0	Tokyo	
	Mar 25	Rumania	L	0-2	Bucharest	
	May 2	E. Germany	W	1-0	Chorzow	WCq
	May 24	Ireland	W	3-0	Bydgoszcz	
	Aug 2	W. Germany	L	0-2	Chorzow	
	Aug 23	Portugal	L	0-2	Lisbon	
	Oct 10	E. Germany	W	3-2	Leipzig	WCq
	Oct 26	Argentina	W	2-1	Buenos Aires	
	Nov 15	Malta	W	6-0	Wroclaw	WCq
	Nov 18	Spain	L	2-3	Lodz	
1982	June 14	Italy	D	0-0	Vigo	WC1
	June 19	Cameroon	D	0-0	Coruna	WC1
	June 22	Peru	W	5-1	Coruna	WC1
	June 28	Belgium	W	3-0	Barcelona	WC2
	July 4	Soviet Union	D	0-0	Barcelona	WC2
	July 8	Italy	L	0-2	Barcelona	WCs
	July 10	France	W	3-2	Alicante	WC 3rd
	Aug 31	France	W	4-0	Paris	
	Sep 8	Finland	W	3-2	Kuopio	EC
	Oct 10	Portugal	L	1-2	Lisbon	EC
1983	Mar 23	Bulgaria	W	3-1	Lodz	
	Apr 17	Finland	D	1-1	Warsaw	EC
	May 22	Soviet Union	D	1-1	Chorzow	EC
	Oct 9	Soviet Union	L	0-2	Moscow	EC
	Oct 28	Portugal	L	0-1	Wroclaw	EC

WALDEMAR MATYSIK
of Poland.

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Classified RESULTS

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Second round, 2nd leg (replay) on December 12
Celtic 0
Rapid Vienna 1 (Pacult 18)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 51,550. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)
At Old Trafford, Manchester.
Rapid 4-1 on agg.

Celtic: Bonner — McGrain, MacLeod, Aitken, McAdam (Colquhoun 68), Grant, Provan, McStay, McGarvey, Burns, McClair.

Rapid: Feurer — Lainer, Garger, Weinhofer, Weber, Brauneder, Kranjcar, Willfurth, Gross, Brucic, Pacult.

Celtic had to resign themselves to a ban from European competition for a very long time as a result of two incidents during and at the end of this controversial match. The first was in the 63rd miunute when a Celtic fan attacked the Rapid goalkeeper, Herbert Feurer. The second incident was at the end when another fan attacked Rapid's goal-scorer, Peter Pacult. Celtic began in powerful style. Centre half Roy Aitken hit Frank McGarvey's cross against a post in the 17th minute; but Rapid immediately went away and — despite the absence of their two star players in Hans Krankl and Antonin Panenka — grabbed the only goal. Peter Pacult outpaced Danny McGrain and drew Pat Bonner before slipping the ball into the net.

UEFA Cup

Third round, 2nd legs (all December 12)
Bohemians 1 (Prokes 51)
Tottenham 1 (Falco 8)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,500. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)
Tottenham 3-1 on agg.

Bohemians: Borovicka — Jakubec, Marcik (Levy 46), Prokes, Kukucka, Koukal, Micinec, Sloup, V. Hruska, Skoda, Janecka.

Tottenham; Clemence — Perryman, Roberts, Miller, Hughton — Hoddle (Mabbutt 45), Stevens, Galvin — Chiedozie, Falco, Crooks (Thomas 88).

Bohemians, who played some fine football at White Hart Lane, got it all wrong as they tried to beat Tottenham at 'fight-ball.' In concentrating on violence they forgot about scoring goals and thus went out 3-1 on aggregate. Seven players were booked, four from Sparta (Hruska, Kukucka, Jakubec and Sloup) along with Miller, Roberts and Falco from holders Spurs. Roberts will now miss the first-leg of the quarter final, having been booked in a previous UEFA Cup tie.

Tottenham took the lead in the eighth minute when Falco headed in a Galvin cross. It was Falco's fourth goal in four games. In the battle that followed Spurs lost Glenn Hoddle to a head gash after a backheader from Sloup, and Bohemians equalised early in the second half. Hoddle's assailant, Jiri Sloup, provided the cross which Prokes headed past Clemence.

Spur's boss Peter Shreeves said: "A lesser team would have been frightened out of it. The self-control of our players was superb."

Dundee Utd 2 (Dodds 25, Hegarty 56)
Manchester Utd 3 (Hughes 12, McGinnis own goal 40, Muhren 78)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr).
Manchester Utd. 5-4 on agg

Dundee Utd: McAlpine — Malpas, Holt, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, McGinnis, Kirkwood (Alex Taylor 52), Sturrock, Dodds.

Man Utd: Bailey — Gidman, Albiston, Moses, McQueen, Duxbury, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Stapleton, Muhren.

Twice Manchester United took the lead, and twice they lost it. But they apparently remembered the lessons of the Nottingham Forest match the previous weekend and fought back to snatch victory. A mistimed Dave Narey clearance provided Mark Hughes with the opening goal but Davie Dodds shot home a Paul Sturrock pass in the 25th minute. Manchester went back ahead shortly before half time when Hughes headed on a Strachan corner and Gary McGinnis headed into his own net. Dundee United equalised again in the 56th minute — Hegarty heading in after McQueen failed to clear a free kick from substitute Alex Taylor. But with 12 minutes to go veteran Dutchman Arnie Muhren justified manager Ron Atkinson's decision to prefer him to the erratic Jesper Olsen, and shot in the winner. The goal came after a corner, and Muhren's shot was deflected past McAlpine by McQueen.

Dynamo Minsk 0
Widzew Lodz 1 (Dziekanowski 10 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Bergamo (It). In Tbilisi.
Minsk win 2-1 on agg

Minsk: Zeliu — Shyshkin, Borovski, Trukhan, Kurnenin — Zigmantovich (Mietlitski 87), Aleinikov, Mielnikov (Shalimo 67), Sokol — Gotsmanov, Kondratiev.

Widzew: Bolesta — Swiatek Dziuba, Wojcicki, Myslinski — Kajrys, Wijas, Romke, Jaworski (Kuniczuk 82) — Dziekanowski, Leszczyk.

Having lost at home, the Poles of Widzew Lodz made a brave attempt to recover ground in the Soviet Union. But though Dariusz Dziekanowski converted an early penalty, that was the sum total of the goal-scoring against the club who have just finished fifth in the recently-completed Soviet league.

Internazionale 1 (Brady 78 pen)
Hamburg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng)
Inter on away goals rule: 2-2 agg.

Inter: Recchi — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Ferri, Collovati, Sabato (Causio 68), Marini, Altobelli, Brady, Rummenigge.

Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz, Wehmeyer (Milewski 83), Jakobs, Schröder, Groh, Wuttke, Von Heesen, McGhee, Magath, Rolff (Soler 77).

Liam Brady's penalty success was worth £4,000 to him and each of his Inter team-mates. That was the bonus they were on to gain a place in the UEFA Cup quarter finals. Kalle Rummenigge might have had two goals against his fellow countrymen in the first half. In the sixth minute his shot was deflected wide by Groh and in the 33rd he blundered by shooting wide after a fine centre by Brady. It was then up to the Irishman to win the tie with his penalty after Schröder had handled a Brady cross aimed for Altobelli.

1. FC Köln 2 (Bein 24, Littbarski 75)
Spartak Moscow 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Ross Santos (Port)
Köln 2-1 on agg

Köln: Schumacher — Hönerbach, Steiner, Prestin, Geils — Lehnhoff (Gielchen 75), Hartwig, Bein, Engels — Littbarski, K. Allofs.

Spartak: Dassayev — Sochnov, Bubnov, Kayumov, Pozdnyakov — Sidorov (Kuiyev 70), Kusnetsov, Gavrilov, Shavlo — Cherenkov, Rodionov (Azhoyev 59).

Pierre Littbarski — in such inconsistent form over the past two years — turned up trumps right on cue to lift Köln to the UEFA Cup quarter finals. He provided the corner from which Uwe Bein headed goal No 1, and scored the decisive second himself — firing past Renat Dassayev from 25 yards from a free kick.

Partizam 2 (Zivkovic 6, Varga 45)
Videoton 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus)
Videoton 5-2 on agg

Partizan: Omeriovic — Veremezovic, Radanovic, Jesic, Rojevic (Stevanovic 75) — Varga (Djalmas 80), Smajic, Dimitrijevic — Mance, Zivkovic, Klincarski.

Videoton: P. Disztl — Vegh, L. Disztl, Csuhay, Horvath — Burcsa, Csongradi, Vadasz, Novath — Majer, Szabo.

The Yugoslav fans didn't believe in a miracle this time from Partizan, only 10,000 turned out compared with the full-house who saw the previous round's turnaround against Queen's Park Rangers. Partizan tried hard in the first half and led 2-0 at the interval. But in the second half the Hungarian league leaders tightened up at the back to become the first Magyar team to reach the UEFA Cup quarter finals in six years.

Real Madrid 6 (Sanchis 3, Butragueno 16, 47, 49, Valdono 29, 39)
Anderlecht 1 (Arnesen 33)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 95.000. **Ref:** Vautrot (Fr).
Real Madrid 6-4 on agg.

Madrid: Miguel Angel —Sanchis, Camacho, Stielike, San Jose, Gallego, Butragueno, Michel (Salguero 60), Santillana, Lozano (Martin Vazquez 71), Valdano.

Anderlecht: Munaron — Peruzovic, Grun, Scifo, De Groote (Gudjohnsen 57), Vercauteren, Frimann, Hofkens, Arnesen (Andersen 59), Olsen, Czerniatynski.

Madrid produced a vintage display to recall their great days with what amounts to one of their dramatic comebacks in nearly 30 years of European competition. Anderlecht had conceded only 15 goals in 17 Belgian league games and were unbeaten in their domestic championship, yet they were quickly swept aside.

Madrid coach Amancio had appealed to the fans to turn out in force to back the team and they had something to cheer in only the third minute when Manuel Sanchis — son of the former international of that name — headed home a corner from Juan Lozano, the former Anderlecht midfielder.

Lozano has been a big disappointment since joining Madrid two years ago, but the challenge presented by his old club proved irresistible. In the 16th minute he dribbled past four defenders to provide young Emilio Butragueno with goal No. 2. Butragueno turned creator in the 29th minute to provide a further aggregate-levelling goal for Argentine World Cup forward Jorge Valdano, but Anderlecht forced their way back into the overall lead with a 33rd-minute goal from Frank Arnesen.

Madrid now needed two goals to regain the aggregate lead: They collected one of them in the 39th minute. Butragueno and Lozano were again the creators and Valdano again the scorer.

Within four minutes of the start of the second half it was all over. Butragueno — nicknamed The Vulture (EL Buitre) — completed a remarkable hat-trick to place Madrid in the quarter finals. The 47th-minute goal came after a sortie upfield by veteran defender Jose Camacho, and the 49th-minute goal after yet more fine work by Lozano.

There was just one yellow card in the game — shown to Madrid midfielder Ricardo Gallego for dissent.

Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 4 (Skoro 32, Samardzia 44, Mihajlovic 62, Nikic 84)
Universitates Craiova 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Burgess (Wales).
Zeljeznicar 4-2 on agg.

Zeljeznicar: Skrba — Berian (Nikic 38), Sabadanovic, Baljic, Capljic, Cilic, Bahtic, Skoro, Mihajlovic, Bazdarevic, Samardzija (Komsic 56).

Craiova: Lung — Negrila, Irimescu, Stefanescu, Ungureanu — Ticleanu, Bicu, Manaia — Geolgau, Camataru, Cirtu (O. Popescu 53).

Zeljeznicar put up yet another good recovery performance against a Rumanian team whose defensive resolve is renowned in Eastern Europe.

EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 6

Tel-Aviv — friendly
Israel 2 (Malmilian 32, 60)
Malta 1 (Muscat 21)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,000

Malta: Bonello — Aquilina, Borg (Grixti 46), Scicluna, Holland — Buttigieg, Alfred Azzopardi, Vella (Gatt 52), Degiorgio — Leonard Farrugia, Muscat (Em. Farruigia 52).

NOVEMBER 22

Doha — friendly
Qatar 2
Finland 2 (Pekonen 32, Remes 62)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000.

Finland: Huttunen — Uimonen (Lipponen 82, Kymalainen, Ikalainen, Remes — Turunen, Pekonen, Virtanen — Puustinen (Bostrom 75), Lius (Valvee 46), Hjelm.

NOVEMBER 24

Doha — friendly
Qatar 1
Finland 1 (Hjelm 65)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Finland: Palmroos — Uimonen (Bostrom 46), Kymalainen, Europeus, Remes, Turunen, Pekonen, Ikalainen — Virtanen, Puustinen (Hjelm 46), Lius (Valvee 46).

DECEMBER 5

Sofia — WC Euro qual gp 4
Bulgaria 4 (Sirakov 8, Velitchkov 30, Mladenov 65, Dimitrov 70)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Vessarps (Gr).

Bulgaria: Mikhailov — Pl. Nikolov, Arabov, Al. Markov (Getov 67), G. Dimitrov, Zdoavkov, Gochev (Mladenov 59), Sirakov, Velitchkov, Spassov, Pashev.

Luxembourg: Van Rijswik — Schonkert, Sheuer, Weis, Patry, Meunier, Girres, Hellers, Reiter (Bossi 67), Dresch, Malget (Hoscheid 78).

Bulgaria recorded their first win of their qualifying games. They won with ease, scoring twice in each half. Luxembourg, to add to their defensive problems, had Meunier sent off after 50 minutes for dissent. The Bulgarians could have come off the field at the end with five goals under their belt, but one shot from Velitchkov struck the woodwork.

Athens — friendly (December 5)
Greece 2 Anastopoulos 50 pen and 87)
Rumania 1 (Mateut 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Greece: Sarganis — Xanthopoulos, Manolas, Kirastas, Karulias — Alavantos, Semertsidis (Mihos), Antoniou (Papaioannou), Kostikos (Saravakos) — Anastopoulos, Mitropoulos.

Rumania: Moraru —Rednic, Andone, Iorgulescu, Munteanu II — Mateut, Bölöni (Zare), Klein (Orac), Dragnea (Lacatus) — Augustin (Gabor), Hagi.

A quiet first half was soon forgotten when Greece benefited from a penalty award — disputed by the Rumanians — to go ahead after hands against Munteanu. Anastopoulos scored from the first and though Mateut equalised after a Rednic-Hagi move, Greece hit back to win in the dying minutes. Again the scorer was Anastopoulos, this time after taking advantage of an awful back pass from Rumanian substitue Zare. Rumanian reports varied between describing this match as a full international or as a match involving their 'League XI'. To the Greeks it was certainly a full international.

DECEMBER 8

Paris — WC Euro gp 4
France 2 Stopyra 32, Anziani 89)
East Germany 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 43,174 (receipts £285,000). **Ref:** Casarin (It).

France: Bats — Bibard, Bossis, Amoros — Giresse, Tigana, Fernandez, Platini —Stopyra (Anziani 84), Bellone.

E Germany: Müller — Trautmann, Stahmann, Dörner, Döschner — Liebers, Troppa, Stübner, Steinbach (Richter 75) — Minge (Glowatzky 79), Thom.

France won a fine game to complete a wonderful year. Not only did it include success in the European championship but they won each one of the 12 internationals in the year. Paris sports daily L'Equipe called them "Wunderteam '84" and East German manager Bernd Stange said "France are indeed an exceptional team." This was rated the best senior international in the Parc des Princes since France's 2-0 win over Italy in February, 1982. The star of the show was Michel Platini, recently named World Footballer of the Year by World Soccer and, at the end of the month, runaway favourite for the European Footballer of the Year of award. But also in fine form were midfield colleagues Alain Giresse — back after injury — Jean Tigana, Luis Fernandez and centre back Maxime Bossis. That France won only 2-0 — and then with a last-minute goal — was due to the fine form showed against them by an East German side almost unrecognisable from the dull side seen earlier this season at Wembley, for instance. But then, in young forward Andreas Thom of Dynamo Berlin, the East Germans have just discovered a player of immense potential — and one who has already been compared with the Belgian, Enzo Scifo.

France roared into attack from the start and forced a fine save from Müller after only 20 seconds when Amoros fired in a low shot from a Platini pass. In the 12th minute, at the other end, Bats had to turn a Trautmann header over the bar. But then France went ahead in the 32nd Bossis moved forward, gave the ball to Platini, who found Bibard. The new fullback beat Steinbach and hit the ball to the far post where Yannick Stopyra, son of an old French international, scored from close range. The last-minute goal which sealed victory was begun and finished by Philippe Anziani. The substitute, in the squad as late replacement for injured Dominique Rocheteau, sent Bellone away on the left and was running through to volley the return past Müller.

Pescara — friendly (December 8)
Italy 2 (Altobelli 77, Di Gennaro 89)
Poland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Valentine (Scot)

Italy: Tancredi — Bergomi, Righetti (Tricella 46), Vieochowod, Cabrini — Bagni (Dossena 61), Tardelli, Di Gennaro — Conti (Fanna 68), Altobelli (Serena 78), Paolo Rossi.

Poland: Kazimierski — Kubicki, Zmuda, Wdowczyk, Wojcicki — Matysik, Wijas (Prusik 78), Komornicki, Boniek — Palasz, Okonski (Ostrowski 53).

World Cup-holders Italy had to wait until the last 13 minutres to grasp victory in a game marked by a remarkable amount of fierce tackling considering it was 'just' a friendly. Poland included two of their Italian-based exiles in Zbigniew Boniek up front and stopper Wladyslaw Zmuda (Zmuda was awaiting Italian Federation clearance for a transfer from Verona to Cremonese; the move had been held up because of objections by Napoli and Ascoli).

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot took the opportunity to present several minutes international experience to a number of his promising reserves. Perhaps that was one of the reasons why it took the Italians so long to take advantage of the numerical superiority granted to them by the 49th-minute expulsion of Poland defender Wdowczyk. He got his marching orders from Scottish referee Bob Valentine for two bad fouls within a couple of minutes of each other.

Within a few minutes Italy might twice have gone ahead. But first Sandro Altobelli, in the 52nd minute, and then Ubaldo Righetti a minute later, saw shots beat Kazimierski only to be stopped by the posts. Finally Altobelli, despairing of his team-mates, scored a fine solo goal in the 77th minute. Poland might yet have equalised. But this time the post came to Italy's aid to foil Palasz in the 87th minute. And two minutes later Verona schemer Antonio Di Gennaro secured Italy's victory.

DECEMBER 16

Valletta — WC Euro qual gp 2
Malta 2 (Busuttil 11, Ray Xuereb 87)
West Germany 3 (Förster 43, K. Allofs 69, 85)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Petrovic (Yug).

Malta: Mifsud — Aquilina, G.Xuereb, Holland (Alf. Azzopardi 12), Scicluna — Busuttil, Woods, Vella, R. Xuereb — Muscat (Gatt 61), Degiorgio.

W. Germany: Schumacher — K. Förster, Herget, Jakobs (Thon 46) — Matthäus, Rahn, Brehme, Briegel — K. Rummenigge, Völler, K. Allofs.

Franz Beckenbauer's West Germans went out to win well, yet were relieved to come away in the end just with the points in their first appearance on the grasspitch Ta Qali stadium which is now at last available to the national team after several years' squabbling between the sports authorities and the FA. Malta made a fine start. In their first attack, in the 11th minute. Ray Xuereb was allowed time and space to set up Busuttil and he tricked his way past Briegel and shot home. West Germany didn't equalise until just before half time when Karlheinz Förster headed in a free kick. At half time Beckenbauer took off Hamburg defender Jakobs and further boosted his five-man midfield with the addition of debut boy Olaf Thon, the Schalke teenager for whom such a bright future is predicted. Thon had barely been in the action a minute when he gave Völler an opening which saw the Werder striker shoot into the side net. In the 69th minute, Germany pulled ahead. Völler crossed from the left for Allofs to head home. It was Allofs who sealed the victory in the 85th minute, heading in easily after Rahn had stabbed a Rummenigge cross against the bar. Two minutes after the arrival of this goal, Malta scored a second: Ray Xuereb slipped his markers to score from a free kick. All in all, Klaus Allofs was the West German star — though Beckenbauer was also full of praise for Thon who had played "a sensational game."

DECEMBER 17

Cairo —friendly
Egypt 0
Norway 1 (Davidsen 31)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Muhammad Hosem (Egypt).

Norway: Thorstvedt — Han Hermann Henriksen, Kojedal, Hareide (Per Henriksen 68), Mordt, Seland (Bjarnøy 84), Davidsen, Oswald, Ehil Johansen, Vaadal (Skoghelm 55), Berg.

Egypt: Soubier — Saleh, Sedki, Abdelgani, Abdelhalim, Mayhoub, Abou Zeid, Omar, Ramadane, Shehata, Nabil.

It was decided after this game, by agreement between the two federations, that this match should count as a full international.

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experience of Italian football — either as spec`ator, or as player. In Italy the result matters above all else. That's why it was the Italians back in the early 1950s who led the retreat to organised nine-man defensive tactics.

Part of the reason for that trend was the wholesale importation of an unlimited number of star forwards.

Now the controversy over foreign players has been rekindled by complaints from Platini's own Juventus colleague, Marco Tardelli, that foreign players were more carefully cosetted and better paid than Italy's best.

Platini says: "I suspect Marco's words were taken out of context. It's a storm in teacup. I'm not going to worry. It was the Italian clubs who came chasing me, not the other way round. And I assume they came for me because I possessed some special ability not available at home.

"I have never had cause to regret moving to Italy. Quite the opposite. In fact, I think my popularity in France has benefited from my being in Italy. Just like Raymond Kopa. Now they talk about him as the greatest French footballer of all time. But from what I remember, and from what I have been told and have read, it wasn't until he went to play in Spain for Real Madrid that French fans suddenly began to realise just what a great player he was."

Kopa made his international reputation as deep-lying centreforward in the French team who finished third in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. It was his first major event at national team level. Yet it has taken Platini longer, in competitive terms, to win over the French fans.

After playing in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina and starring in Spain — when France finished fourth — in 1982, it took the European championships last summer to unify opinion in his favour.

Platini says: "People keep asking me about the 'French miracle' in the European finals. But there was no miracle, no revolution. It was simply that our team had 'grown up'. In the last World Cup we didn't have the maturity to be confident of winning the games which mattered away from home.

"We have now gained that. But it has taken seven years' hard work. It's like me. Some people have said I am an 'overnight success.' They just don't know . . . "

World Cup RESULTS

1986 WORLD CUP
Qualifying rounds

EUROPE

Group 1 (Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania)

17.10.84	Belgium — Albania	3-1
17.10.84	Poland — Greece	3-1
31.10.84	Poland — Albania	2-2
19.12.84	Greece — Belgium	0-0
22.12.84	Albania — Belgium	2-0
27. 2.85	Greece — Albania	
27. 3.85	Belgium — Greece	
17. 4.84	Albania — Greece	
1. 5.85	Belgium — Poland	
19. 5.85	Greece — Poland	
30. 5.85	Albania — Poland	
11. 9.85	Poland — Belgium	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Albania	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Belgium	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Greece	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

Group 2 (West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta)

23. 5.84	Sweden — Malta	4-0
12. 9.84	Sweden — Portugal	0-1
14.10.84	Portugal — Czecho	2-1
17.10.84	W. Germany — Sweden	2-0
31.10.84	Czecho — Malta	4-0
14.11.84	Portugal — Sweden	1-3
16.12.84	Malta — W. Germany	2-3
10. 2.85	Malta — Portugal	
24. 2.85	Portugal — W. Germany	
27. 3.85	W. Germany — Malta	
20/21.4.85	Malta — Czecho	
1. 5.85	Czecho — W. Germany	
5. 6.85	Sweden — Czecho	
25. 9.85	Sweden — W. Germany	
25. 9.85	Czecho — Portugal	
12.10.85	Portugal — Malta	
16.10.85	Czecho — Sweden	
16.10.85	W. Germany — Portugal	
16/17.11.85	W. Germany — Czecho	
17.11.85	Malta — Sweden	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
W. Germany	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Czechoslovakia	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Malta	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Group 3 (England, Northern Ireland, Rumania, Turkey, Finland)

27. 5.84	Finland — N. Ireland	1-0
12. 9.84	N. Ireland — Rumania	3-2
17.10.84	England — Finland	5-0
31.10.84	Turkey — Finland	1-2
14.11.84	N. Ireland — Finland	2-1
14.11.84	Turkey — England	0-8
27. 2.85	N. Ireland — England	
3. 4.85	Rumania — Turkey	
1. 5.85	N. Ireland — Turkey	
1. 5.85	Rumania — England	
22. 5.85	Finland — England	
6. 6.85	Finland — Rumania	
28. 8.85	Rumania — Finland	
11. 9.85	Turkey — N. Ireland	
11. 9.85	England — Rumania	
25. 9.85	Finland — Turkey	
16.10.85	Rumania — N. Ireland	
16.10.85	England — Turkey	
13.11.85	England — N. Ireland	
14.11.85	Turkey — Rumania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	13	0	4
N. Ireland	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Finland	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Rumania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Group 4 (France, Yugoslavia, E. Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg)

29. 9.84	Yugoslavia — Bulgaria	0-0
13.10.84	Luxembourg — France	0-4
20.10.84	E. Germany — Yugoslavia	2-3
17.11.84	Luxembourg — E. Germany	0-5
21.11.84	France — Bulgaria	1-0
5.12.84	Bulgaria — Luxembourg	4-0
8.12.84	France — E. Germany	2-0
27. 3.85	Yugoslavia — Luxembourg	
3. 4.85	Yugoslavia — France	
6. 4.85	Bulgaria — E. Germany	
1. 5.85	Luxembourg — Yugoslavia	
2. 5.85	Bulgaria — France	
18. 5.85	E. Germany — Luxemburg	
1. 6.85	Bulgaria — Yugoslavia	
11. 9.85	E. Germany — France	
25. 9.85	Luxembourg — Bulgaria	
28. 9.85	Yugoslavia — E. Germany	
30.10.85	France — Luxembourg	
16.11.85	France — Yugoslavia	
16.11.85	E. Germany — Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	4	1	3
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	0	13	0

Group 5 (Austria, Hungary, Holland, Cyprus)

2. 5.84	Cyprus — Austria	1-2
26. 9.84	Hungary — Austria	3-1
17.10.84	Holland — Hungary	1-2
14.11.84	Austria — Holland	1-0
17.11.84	Cyprus — Hungary	1-2
23.12.84	Cyprus — Holland	0-1
27. 2.85	Holland — Cyprus	
3. 4.85	Hungary — Cyprus	
17. 4.85	Austria — Hungary	
1. 5.85	Holland — Austria	
14. 5.85	Austria — Cyprus	
14. 5.85	Hungary — Holland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
Austria	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Holland	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

Group 6 (Sov Union, Denmark, Rep Ireland, Switzerland, Norway)

12. 9.84	Rep Ireland — Sov Union	1-0
12. 9.84	Norway — Switzerland	0-1
26. 9.84	Denmark — Norway	1-0
10.10.84	Norway — Sov Union	1-1
17.10.84	Switzerland — Denmark	1-0
17.10.84	Norway — Rep Ireland	1-0
14.11.84	Denmark — Rep Ireland	3-0
17. 4.85	Switzerland — Sov Union	
1. 5.85	Rep Ireland — Norway	
2. 5.85	Sov Union — Switzerland	
2. 6.85	Rep Ireland — Switzerland	
5. 6.85	Denmark — Sov Union	
11. 9.85	Switzerland — Rep Ireland	
25. 9.85	Sov Union — Denmark	
9.10.85	Denmark — Switzerland	
16.10.85	Norway — Denmark	
16.10.85	Sov Union — Rep Ireland	
30.10.85	Sov Union — Norway	
13.11.85	Switzerland — Norway	
13.11.85	Rep Ireland — Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	3	2	0	1	4	1	4
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
Rep Ireland	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
Sov Union	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Group 7 (Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland)

12. 9.84	Iceland — Wales	1-0
17.10.84	Spain — Wales	3-0
17.10.84	Scotland — Iceland	3-0
14.11.84	Scotland — Spain	3-1
14.11.84	Wales — Iceland	2-1
27. 2.85	Spain — Scotland	
27. 3.85	Scotland — Wales	
30. 4.85	Wales — Spain	
28. 5.85	Iceland — Scotland	
12. 6.85	Iceland — Spain	
10. 9.85	Wales — Scotland	
25. 9.85	Spain — Iceland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Spain	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

Note: Runners-up of European Groups 1 and 5 to play-off home and away to decide one team for finals; runners-up of European Group 7 to play home and away against winners of Oceania/Israel group for one place in finals.

CONCACAF — First round

Group 1

29. 7.84	El Salvador — Puerto Rico	5-0
5. 8.84	Puerto Rico — El Salvador	0-3
16. 9.84	Neth. Antilles — USA	0-0
6.10.84	USA — Neth. Antilles	4-0

Canada walkover — Jamaica

Group 2

15. 6.84	Panama — Honduras	0-3
24. 6.84	Honduras — Panama	1-0

(Honduras 4-0 on aggregate)
Costa Rica walkover — Barbados

Group 3

5. 8.84	Antigua — Haiti	0-3
18. 8.84	Haiti — Antigua	0-1
15. 8.84	Surinam — Guyana	1-0
29. 8.84	Guyana — Surinam	1-1

Trinidad/Tobago walkover — Grenada

Second round

Group 1

24. 2.85	El Salvador — Surinam	
27. 2.85	Surinam — El Salvador	
3. 3.85	Honduras — Surinam	
7. 3.85	Surinam — Honduras	
10. 3.85	El Salvador — Honduras	
14. 3.85	Honduras — El Salvador	

World Cup

Group 2

24. 4.85	Costa Rica — Trinidad/Tobago	
28. 4.85	Trinidad/Tobago — Costa Rica	
15. 5.85	US — Trinidad/Tobago	
19. 5.85	Trinidad/Tobago — US	
26. 5.85	Costa Rica — US	
31. 5.85	US — Costa Rica	

Group 3

13. 4.85	Canada — Haiti	
20. 4.85	Canada — Guatemala	
26. 4.85	Haiti — Guatemala	
5. 5.85	Guatemala — Canada	
8. 5.85	Haiti — Canada	
15. 5.85	Guatemala — Canada	

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1 (Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela)

26. 5.85	Colombia — Peru	
26. 5.85	Venezuela — Argentina	
2. 6.85	Colombia — Argentina	
2. 6.85	Venezuela — Peru	
9. 6.85	Peru — Colombia	
9. 6.85	Argentina — Venezuela	
16. 6.85	Peru — Venezuela	
16. 6.85	Argentina — Colombia	
23. 6.85	Venezuela — Colombia	
23. 6.85	Peru — Argentina	
30. 6.85	Colombia — Venezuela	
30. 6.85	Argentina — Peru	

Group 2 (Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay)

3. 3.85	Ecuador — Chile	
10. 3.85	Uruguay — Ecuador	
17. 3.85	Chile — Ecuador	
24. 3.85	Chile — Uruguay	
31. 3.85	Ecuador — Uruguay	
7. 4.85	Uruguay — Chile	

Group 3 (Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay)

26. 5.85	Bolivia — Paraguay	
2. 6.85	Bolivia — Brazil	
9. 6.85	Paraguay — Bolivia	
16. 6.85	Paraguay — Brazil	
23. 6.85	Brazil — Paraguay	
30. 6.85	Brazil — Bolivia	

Note: All group winners qualify for the finals, plus the winner of a play-off tournament arranged thus:

Runners-up Gp 3 — Third Gp 1
Third Gp 1 — Runners-up Gp 3
Runners-up Gp 2 — Runners-up Gp 1
Runners-up Gp 1 — Runners-up Gp 2

Winners of these two pairings to play-off home and away.

AFRICA

1st Round

28. 8.84	Egypt — Zimbabwe	1-0
30. 9.84	Zimbabwe — Egypt	1-1

Egypt 2-1 on agg

13.10.84	Kenya — Ethiopia	2-1
28.10.84	Ethiopia — Kenya	3-3

Kenya 5-4 on agg

15. 7.84	Mauritius — Malawi	0-1
28. 7.84	Malawi — Mauritius	4-0

Malawi 5-0 on agg

29. 7.84	Zambia — Uganda	3-0
25. 8.84	Uganda — Zambia	1-0

Zambia 3-1 on agg

13.10.84	Tanzania — Sudan	1-1
27.10.84	Sudan — Tanzania	0-0

Sudan on away goals: 1-1 agg

30. 6.84	Sierra Leone — Morocco	0-1
15. 7.84	Morocco — Sierra Leone	4-0

Morocco 5-0 on agg

28.10.84	Benin — Tunisia	0-2
11.11.84	Tunisia — Benin	4-0

Tunisia 6-0 on agg

21.10.84	Ivory Coast — Gambia	4-0
4.11.84	Gambia — Ivory Coast	3-2

Ivory Coast 6-3 on agg

20.10.84	Nigeria — Liberia	3-0
3.11.84	Liberia — Nigeria	0-1

Nigeria 4-0 on agg

1. 7.84	Angola — Senegal	1-0
15. 7.84	Senegal — Angola	1-0

Angola 5-4 pens: 1-1 agg

2nd Round

Draw: Zambia v Cameroon — Morocco v Malawi — Angola v Algeria — Kenya v Nigeria — Egypt v Madagascar — Guinea v Tunisia — Sudan v Libya — Ivory Coast v Ghana.

3rd Round

To be played between June 1 and July 31.

4th Round

To be played between Sept 1 and Nov 15.

OCEANIA

3. 9.85	Israel — Taiwan	
8. 9.85	Taiwan — Israel (in Israel)	
21. 9.85	New Zealand — Australia	
5.10.85	New Zealand — Taiwan	
8.10.85	Israel — Australia	
12.10.85	Taiwan — New Zealand (in New Zealand)	
20.10.85	Australia — Israel	
23.10.85	Australia — Taiwan	
26.10.85	New Zealand — Israel	
27.10.85	Taiwan — Australia (in Australia)	
3.11.85	Australia — New Zealand	
10.11.85	Israel — New Zealand	

ASIA

First round

Group 1

Sub-Group A: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman

22. 3.85	UAE — Oman	
29. 3.85	Oman — Saudi Arabia	
5. 4.85	Saudi Arabia — UAE	
12. 4.85	Oman — UAE	
19. 4.85	Saudi Arabia — Oman	
26. 4.85	UAE — Saudi Arabia	

Sub-Group B: Iraq, Lebanon, Qatar, Jordan

15. 3.85	Jordan — Qatar	
15. 3.85	Iraq — Lebanon	
22. 3.85	Qatar — Lebanon	
22. 3.85	Jordan — Iraq	
29. 3.85	Jordan — Lebanon	
29. 3.85	Iraq — Qatar	
12. 4.85	Qatar — Jordan	
14. 4.85	Lebanon — Iraq	
19. 4.85	Iraq — Jordan	
21. 4.85	Lebanon — Qatar	
3. 5.85	Qatar — Iraq	
5. 5.85	Lebanon — Jordan	

Group 2

Sub-Group A: Kuwait, Yemen AR, Syria

22. 3.85	Syria — Kuwait	
29. 3.85	Yemen AR — Syria	
5. 4.85	Kuwait — Yemen AR	
12. 4.85	Kuwait — Syria	
19. 4.85	Syria — Yemen AR	
26. 4.85	Yemen AR — Kuwait	

Sub-Group B: Bahrain, Iran, Yeman PDR
Dates to be fixed

Group 3

Sub-Group A: Malaysia, Nepal, Korea Republic

2. 3.85	Nepal — Korea Rep	
10. 3.85	Malaysia — Korea Rep	
16. 3.85	Nepal — Malaysia	
31. 3.85	Malaysia — Nepal	
6. 4.85	Korea Rep — Nepal	
19. 5.85	Korea Rep — Malaysia	

Sub-Group B: Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia

15. 3.85	Indonesia — Thailand	
18. 3.85	Indonesia — Bangladesh	
21. 3.85	Indonesia — India	
23. 3.85	Thailand — Bangladesh	
26. 3.85	Thailand — India	
29. 3.85	Thailand — Indonesia	
30. 3.85	Bangladesh — India	
2. 4.85	Bangladesh — Indonesia	
5. 4.85	Bangladesh — Thailand	
6. 4.85	India — Indonesia	
9. 4.85	India — Thailand	
12. 4.85	India — Bangladesh	

Group 4

Sub-Group A: China PR, Hong Kong, Macau, Brunei

17. 2.85	Macau — Brunei	
17. 2.85	Hong Kong — China PR	
20. 2.85	Macau — China PR	
23. 2.85	Hong Kong — Brunei	
26. 2.85	China PR — Brunei	
1. 3.85	Brunei — China PR	
6. 4.85	Brunei — Hong Kong	
13. 4.85	Brunei — Macau	
28. 4.85	Macau — Hong Kong	
4. 5.85	Hong Kong — Macau	
12. 5.85	China PR — Macau	
19. 5.85	China PR — Hong Kong	

Sub-Group B: Japan, Korea DPR, Singapore

19. 1.85	Singapore — DPR Korea	
23. 2.85	Singapore — Japan	
21. 3.85	Japan — DPR Korea	
30. 4.85	DPR Korea — Japan	
18. 5.85	Japan — Singapore	
25. 5.85	DPR Korea — Singapore	

Second round

1 July to 31 August 1985

Cup system (knock-out). Home and away matches to decide the four group winners:

Winner 1A v Winner 1B
Winner 2A v Winner 2B
Winner 3A v Winner 3B
Winner 4A v Winner 4B

Third round

1 October to 15 November 1985

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LEAGUE TABLES

COLOMBIA: Professional League final round (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America de Cali	14	6	6	2	15	9	20
Millionairios Bogotá	14	6	6	2	16	8	18
Medellin Independiente	14	4	7	3	13	10	15
Deportes Tolima	14	5	4	5	12	13	14
Junior Barranquilla	14	4	5	5	11	15	14
Bucaramanga	14	5	3	6	13	15	13
Nacional Medellin	14	3	4	7	11	16	11
Union Magdalena	14	3	5	6	7	12	11

CHILE: First Division (final section standings)

North section	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa	26	18	5	3	47	14	41
Cobresal	26	16	6	4	44	20	38
Colo Colo	26	14	8	4	52	21	36
Deportes Arica	26	11	8	7	36	33	30
Magallanes	26	10	9	7	43	30	29
Deportes Iquique	26	7	12	7	23	28	26
Palestino	26	10	5	11	44	37	25
San Felipe	26	7	10	9	23	29	24
San Luis	26	9	6	11	28	49	24
Wanderers	26	6	10	10	21	28	22
Regional Antofagasta	26	6	5	15	24	47	17
Deportes La Serena	26	2	9	15	26	48	13
Regional Atacama	26	3	7	16	26	55	13
South section							
Universidad Catolica	26	15	7	4	46	18	37
Union Española	26	13	9	4	34	16	35
Naval	26	12	7	7	32	18	31
O'Higgins	26	11	7	8	31	30	29
Universidad de Chile	26	10	8	8	29	23	28
Talca Rangers	26	8	9	9	34	35	25
Huachipato	26	10	5	11	34	36	25
Everton	26	8	9	9	22	28	25
Transandino	26	9	6	11	38	37	24
Audax Italiano	26	8	8	10	37	40	24
Fernandez Vial	26	8	6	12	25	36	22
Green Cross	26	6	7	13	18	26	19
Coquimbo Unido	26	4	6	16	17	41	14

Chilean First Division final round (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Universidad Catolica	3	2	1	0	5
Cobresal	3	1	1	1	3
Union Española	3	1	1	1	3
Cobreloa	3	0	1	2	1

BOLIVIA: Professional Championship quarter-final round (final standings)

Section A	P	W	D	L	Pts
The Strongest	6	3	2	1	8
Oriente	6	3	2	1	8
Jorge Wilsterman	6	3	1	2	7
San Jose	6	0	1	5	1
Section B					
Bolivar	6	5	0	1	10
Blooming	6	4	0	2	8
Petrolero	6	2	1	3	5
Chaco	6	0	1	5	1

Semi-finals — Section A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivar	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Oriente	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
Section B							
Blooming	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
The Strongest	2	0	1	1	2	4	1

Finalists: Bolivar and Blooming

ARGENTINA: First Division (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentinos Juniors*	36	20	11	5	69	36	51
FC Oeste	36	19	12	5	46	18	50
Estudiantes La Plata	36	21	6	9	49	27	48
River Plate	36	15	13	8	51	38	43
Racing Córdoba	36	16	11	9	42	31	43
Velez Sarsfield	36	14	14	8	43	32	42
Newell's Old Boys	36	17	4	15	36	39	38
San Lorenzo	36	11	15	10	47	46	37
Talleres Córdoba	36	11	12	13	56	55	34
Chacarita Juniors	36	11	12	13	30	37	34
Instituto Córdoba	36	13	7	16	46	47	33
Platense	36	10	13	13	34	45	33
Temperley*	36	9	13	14	23	28	31
Independiente	36	10	11	15	45	59	31
Unión Sta Fe	36	11	8	17	43	46	30
Boca Juniors	36	10	10	16	34	49	30
Huracán	36	9	9	18	36	55	27
Rosario Central	36	7	11	18	28	41	25
Atlanta	36	8	8	20	32	61	24

*Match suspended four minutes from end on last day due to field invasion by celebrating fans. Disciplinary committee still had to confirm at press time whether 1-0 lead for Argentinos Juniors stands as final result, giving them title.

PERU: De-centralised Championship (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sport Boys	26	13	9	4	34	15	35
Colegio Nacional Iquitos	26	13	8	5	41	21	34
Alianza Lima	26	10	9	7	34	17	29
Melgar	26	9	10	7	25	32	28
Sporting Cristal	26	8	12	6	35	24	28
Universitario	26	11	5	10	41	32	27
Atletico Torino	26	11	5	10	44	30	27
Bolognesi	26	9	8	9	26	28	26
Huancayo	26	9	8	9	21	34	26
Asoc Deportiva Tarma	26	6	11	9	15	28	23
Union Huaral	26	9	4	13	14	37	22
Universidad Catamarja	26	8	5	13	24	27	21
Sport Pilsen	26	6	7	13	27	50	19
Diablos Rojos	26	5	9	12	13	32	19

PARAGUAY — First Division final round (final standings)

1. Guarani 10 points; 2. Cerro Porteño 9; 3. Olimpia 7; 4. Libertad (one game less) 5; 5. Sol de America (one game less) 4; 6. Colegiales 2.

URUGUAY: Colombes Cup (final standings)

1. Peñarol 7 points; 2. Bella Vista, Defensor, Danubio 5; 5. Nacional, Central Español 4.

Final round ("Liguilla") to qualify two clubs for Libertadores Cup (after four games): 1. Peñarol 7 points; 2. Bella Vista 6; 3. Nacional 5; 4. Central Español 3; 5. Danubio 2; 6. Defensor 1.

BRAZIL: Carioca Championship (2nd stage — final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vasco da Gama	11	7	3	1	18	7	17
Fluminense	11	7	2	2	19	10	16
Botafogo	11	6	3	2	19	4	15
Bangu	11	5	5	1	15	10	15
Flamengo	11	5	4	2	15	9	14
Olaria	11	3	5	3	7	7	11
Goitacaz	11	2	5	4	8	12	9
Volta Redonda	11	2	5	4	7	14	9
America	11	2	4	5	9	12	8
Americano	11	0	8	3	5	9	8
Friburguense	11	1	3	5	8	21	5
Campo Grande	11	0	5	6	5	12	5
Final round							
Fluminense	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Flamengo	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Vasco da Gama	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

São Paulo State League — final standings (38 games)

1. Santos 57 pts; 2. Corinthians 54; 3. São Paulo 53; 4. Palmeiras 50; 5. Guarani and Ponte Preta 43; 7. America 41; 8. Botafogo and Santo Andre 39; 10. Internacional and Marilia 38; 12. 15 de Jau 35; 13. Juventus 31; 14. Portuguesa and Comercial 30; 16. 15 de Piracicaba 29; 17. São Bento and Ferroviaria 27; 19. Taquaritinga 26; 20. Taubate 20.

Rio Grande do Sul State ("Gaucho") Championship: 1. Internacional Porto Alegre (fourth straight title).

Minas Gerais State ("Mineiro") Championship: Finals between two stage winners — Cruzeiro 4-0 Atletico Mineiro 0-1 (League to decide whether Cruzeiro wins title on goals aggregate or a third play-off will be held). Bahia State League: 1. Bahia (third straight title).

MEXICO: First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	18	9	5	4	26	16	23
Leon	19	5	9	5	25	25	19
Universidad Nuevo Leon	17	5	5	7	18	19	15
Necaxa	19	3	8	8	23	31	14
Neza	19	2	6	11	18	33	10
Group 2							
Universidad Aut Mexico	17	12	2	3	37	14	26
Atlas	19	11	4	4	33	25	26
Tampico-Madero	18	7	6	5	34	30	20
Angeles	19	6	5	8	31	36	17
Morelia	19	1	9	9	17	34	11
Group 3							
Universidad Guadalajara	19	9	8	2	33	22	26
Cruz Azul	19	11	4	4	31	20	26
Atlante	19	8	6	5	24	23	22
Potosino	19	6	6	7	26	30	18
Monterrey	19	3	8	8	26	36	14
Group 4							
Guadalajara	19	8	7	4	23	16	23
Puebla	18	6	4	8	26	23	16
Toluca	18	4	8	6	18	23	16
Univ Aut Guadalajara	19	4	7	8	23	26	15
Zacatepec	19	6	3	10	17	27	15

COSTA RICA: Professional League (regular championship final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liga Deportiva Alajuelense	36	21	8	7	58	29	50
Deportivo Saprissa	36	20	9	7	62	27	49
Asoc Dep Herediano	36	17	10	9	47	37	44
Asoc Dep San Carlos	36	17	7	12	41	40	41
Asoc Dep Cartagines	36	12	14	10	38	33	38
Asoc Dep Punta Arenas	36	12	12	12	44	39	36
Asoc Dep Sagrada Familia	36	12	8	16	34	41	32
Asoc Dep Ramonense	36	10	10	16	23	36	30
Asoc Dep Limonense	36	10	8	17	38	61	28
San Jose	36	4	4	28	25	65	12

ICELAND — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IA	18	12	2	4	33	18	38
Valur	18	7	7	4	24	16	28
IBK	18	8	3	7	19	22	27
KR	18	6	7	5	20	23	25
Vikingur	18	6	6	6	29	28	24
Fram	18	6	4	8	23	22	22
Thor	18	6	4	8	25	25	22
Trottur	18	5	7	6	19	19	22
UBK	18	4	8	6	17	20	20
KA	18	4	4	10	23	29	16

FINLAND — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haka	22	11	9	2	43	26	31
TPS	22	11	7	4	56	21	29
Kuusysi	22	10	8	4	41	24	28
Ilves	22	12	4	6	42	28	28
HJK	22	10	6	6	49	37	26
Rops	22	9	6	7	33	38	24
Keps	22	7	7	8	35	36	21
Kups	22	6	7	9	25	32	19
PPT	22	7	3	12	32	42	17
Koparit	22	3	9	10	23	28	15
KPV	22	6	3	13	30	56	15
MP	22	2	7	13	22	53	11

Champ. play-off final: Kuusysi beat TPS 4-0, 4-4.

DENMARK — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vejle	30	17	7	6	60	36	41
Aarhus	30	15	10	5	50	30	40
Lyngby	30	18	2	10	53	34	38
Bröndby	30	14	8	8	49	45	36
Brönshoj	30	11	12	7	40	34	34
Köge	30	12	6	12	39	36	30
Ikast	30	13	3	14	44	45	29
Herfölge	30	10	9	11	37	41	29
OB Odense	30	10	8	12	47	41	28
Naestved	30	9	9	12	46	51	27
Hvldovre	30	7	13	10	28	37	27
Frem	30	10	7	13	44	56	27
Herning	30	9	8	13	30	50	26
Esbjerg	30	11	4	15	45	44	26
KB	30	10	5	15	36	46	25
Odense 09	30	6	6	18	21	51	18

NORWAY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vaalerengen	22	13	6	3	40	14	32
Viking	22	7	7	6	33	23	25
Start	22	10	5	7	33	29	25
Bryne	22	7	10	5	37	36	24
Lillestroem	22	8	7	7	39	30	23
Rosenborg	22	8	7	7	36	37	23
Kongsvinger	22	9	8	5	29	32	23
Molde	22	7	7	8	36	41	21
Eik	22	8	3	11	30	36	19
Moss	22	4	9	9	26	30	17
Fredrikstad	22	5	7	10	23	35	17
Strindheim	22	5	5	12	18	37	15

SOVIET UNION — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zenit	34	19	9	6	60	32	47
Spartak	34	18	9	7	53	29	45
Dnopr	34	17	8	9	54	40	42
Chernom	34	16	9	9	49	38	41
Dyn. Minsk	34	15	13	6	43	28	40
Torpedo	34	15	10	9	43	36	40
Dyn. Tbillsi	34	14	8	12	36	41	36
Kairat	34	13	8	13	44	42	34
Zhalgirls	34	12	11	11	30	38	34
Dyn. Kiev	34	12	13	9	46	30	34
Ararat	34	12	7	15	46	50	31
Metallist	34	12	5	17	42	53	29
Shakhtyor	34	10	9	15	47	46	29
SKA	34	10	7	17	48	58	27
Nettchl	34	9	8	17	30	50	26
Dyn. Moscow	34	8	10	16	34	43	26
Pakhtakor	34	10	5	19	37	58	25
TSKA	34	5	9	20	24	55	19

SWEDEN — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IFK Gothenburg	22	14	4	4	43	19	32
AIK	22	12	7	3	28	12	31
Malmoe	22	11	5	8	47	24	27
Hammarby	22	11	4	7	42	30	26
Norrkoeping	22	8	8	6	33	30	24
Brage	22	7	6	9	21	25	20
Kaimar FF	22	5	10	7	17	25	20
Halmstad	22	7	5	10	18	26	19
Orgryte	22	5	7	10	24	38	17
Oestes	22	5	6	11	28	36	16
Ellsborg	22	5	6	11	24	39	16
Geffe	22	4	8	10	21	44	16

Champ. play-offs final: IFK beat Norrkoeping 5-1, 2-0.

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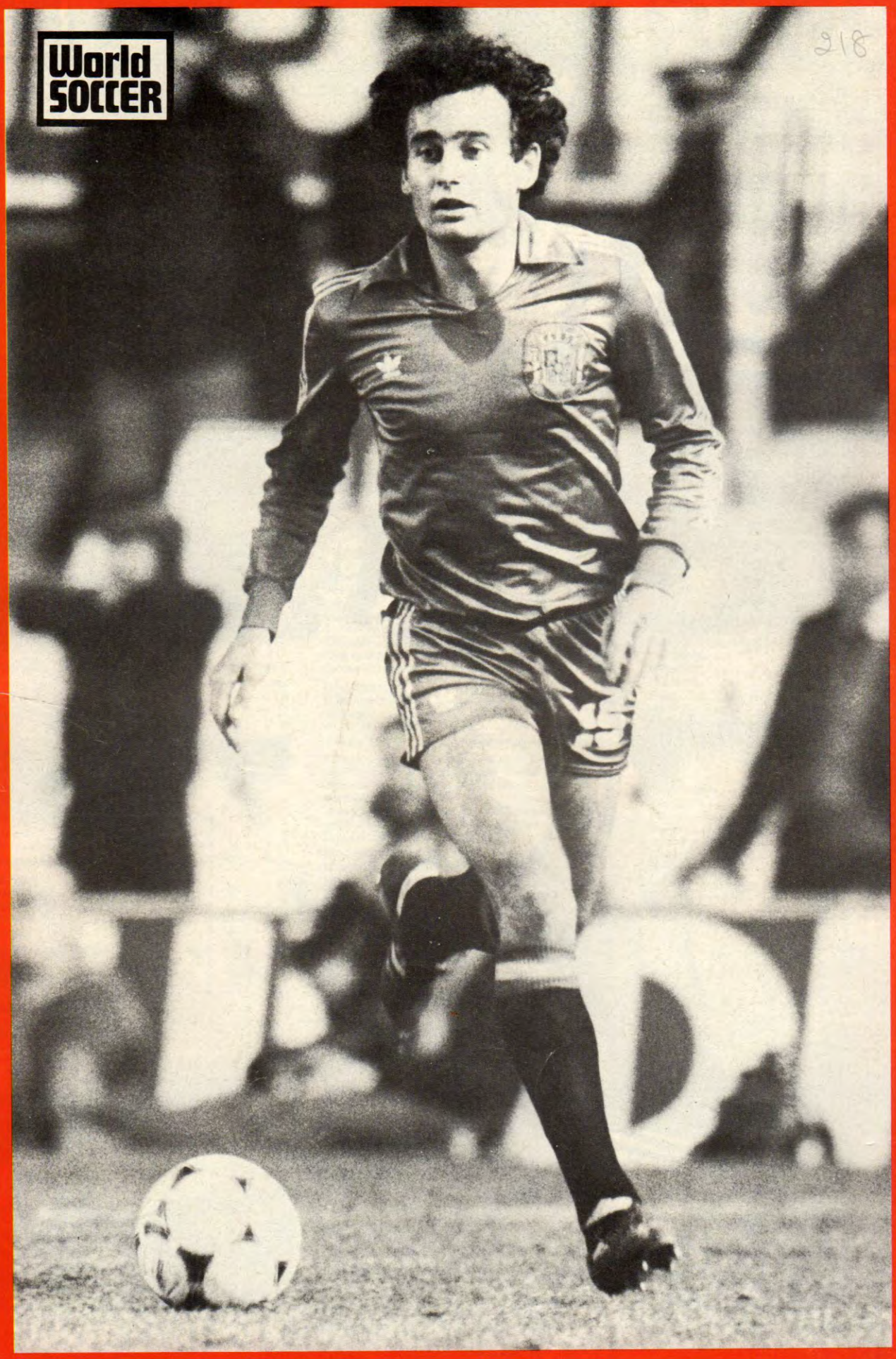

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